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Fighting in Tripoli, Beirut

Air Force attacks
PLO faction base

Post Defence Correspondent
Israeli aircraft yesterday attacked a PLO base in Lebanon's Bekaa valley. Military sources described the attack - the second in the Bekaa in a month - as "part and parcel of Israel's routine pre-emptive policy against the terrorists."

The base attacked was at Majd al-Ghanjar, where a two-storey building used by Abu Musa's rejectionist faction of the PLO was destroyed. The base was used for training and command purposes, a military source said last night.

According to the Israel Defence Forces spokesman, all planes returned safely to base, and pilots reported accurate hits.

On August 16, Israeli aircraft attacked a second Abu Musa base near Bar Elias, 10 kilometres north of Majd al-Ghanjar, hours after Abu Musa accepted responsibility for planting a car bomb in central Jerusalem that day. Earlier in August the IDF concentrated its anti-terrorist

activity on the Lebanese coast in the wake of reports that the terrorists were planning a major attack against an Israeli objective at sea.

The Associated Press, reporting from Beirut, said the police there had given a preliminary casualty toll in the raid of 15 persons but did not specify whether they were killed or wounded, nor whether the victims were civilians or Palestinian terrorists. Reporters were blocked from the area, about 40 kilometres east of Beirut.

The state radio reported that 25 bodies had been removed from the rubble.

Yesterday's air raid, the 14th in Lebanon this year, came a day before a scheduled UN Security Council meeting on Lebanon's complaint against Israeli practices in southern Lebanon. (see story below)

It also came as Lebanese politicians met to discuss a security plan for the Beirut area amid new out-

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UN to debate Lebanese complaint

UNITED NATIONS. - The UN Security Council decided in a closed consultation on Monday to hold an open meeting at 3:30 p.m. today on a Lebanese "government" complaint against continued Israeli occupation of south Lebanon.

In last Friday's request for an urgent council meeting, Lebanon asked the council to consider "all practices and measures taken by the Israeli occupying authorities" in the south. No mention was made of renewed violence in areas of Lebanon outside the Israeli zone of occupation.

In southern Lebanon yesterday, a delegation of UN observers visited the Hatzbani and Wazzani springs to look into allegations that Israel has diverted their waters.

The observers reportedly were satisfied that nothing has been done to change the flow, and they will send a report on their findings to UN headquarters in New York. (AP, Itim)

3 IDF soldiers hurt by terrorists in Lebanon

By MENAHEM BOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

*ETULLA: - Three Israeli soldiers were wounded in two terrorist incidents in South Lebanon yesterday.

In the first, soldiers on patrol discovered a terrorist gang and opened fire. The terrorists threw a hand grenade at them and in the explosion, two soldiers were slightly hurt.

A third soldier was hurt when a remote-control bomb was detonated at the roadside near the Ansar camp. The terrorists responsible escaped in a waiting car.

Soldiers of the South Lebanese Army uncovered an arms cache near Jebel Reihan, north of Nabatiya. The cache included RPGs, a LAW shoulder-fired missile, machine guns and Katyusha rockets.

Co-S Levy leaving for U.S.

By HIRSH GOODMAN
Post Defence Correspondent

Chief of Staff Moshé Levy is leaving for the U.S. on an official visit. He will be the guest of his American counterpart, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, General John Vessey.

Vessey has a reputation in the Israeli military of being "unfriendly" to Israel. He visited here earlier this year after a period of serious friction between the Israel Defence Forces

and the American forces serving in Lebanon. That visit was called a "genuine success" by his hosts.

Levy's visit to the U.S. was planned several months ago. It is not linked to any specific defence problems. However, he will hold extensive discussions with senior military and defence officials, as well as tour military facilities.

Both countries recently held a joint medical-evacuation exercise (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)

Labour, Likud end squabble
about Knesset and Speaker

Post Knesset Correspondent

The parliamentary logjam began to break up yesterday after the Likud and the Alignment ended their squabble about the functioning of the Knesset and the election of the Speaker.

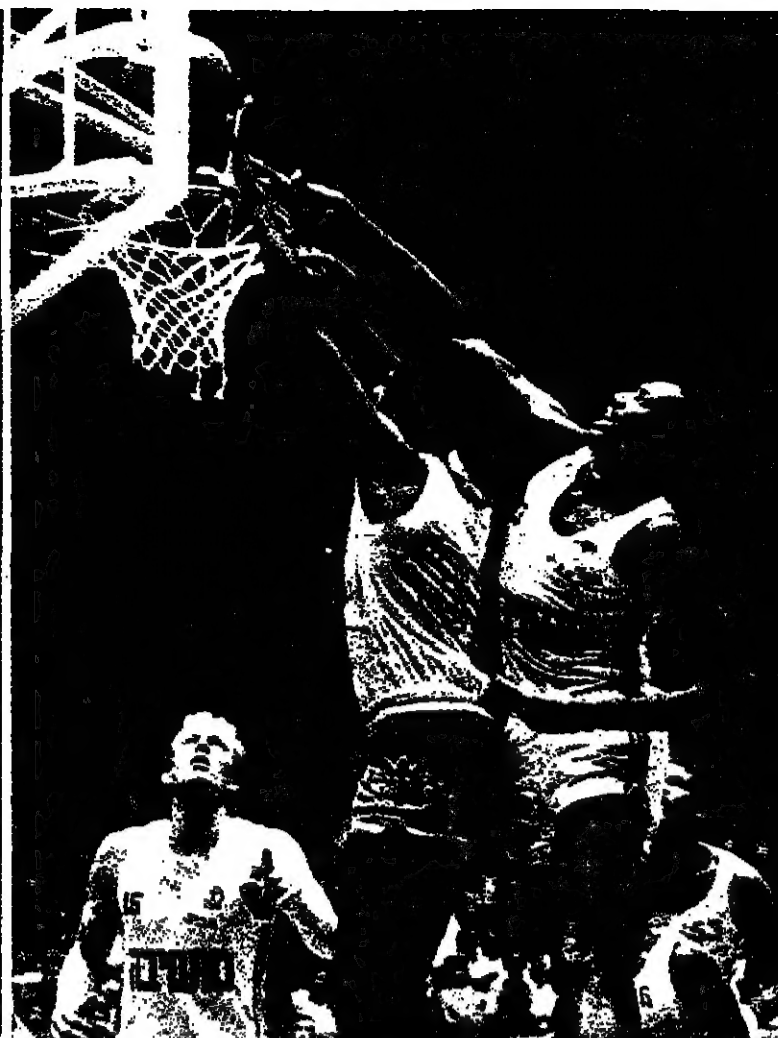
Alignment whip Moshe Shahal, who heads the steering committee, which is designed to launch the Knesset into regular operation and then dissolve itself, agreed that the Speaker need not be elected till September 11.

Shahal's deputy, Likud Transport Minister Haim Corfu, agreed that the Knesset should hold its next plenary session on Monday, September 3, provided that that session not include the election of the Speaker.

As a cabinet member, Corfu can belong only to a committee that has no permanent status and no control over the day-to-day management of the Knesset. However, as the Likud's most capable parliamentarian, Corfu was best fitted to delay the Alignment plan to get the Speaker elected without reference to the final coalition-opposition pattern.

The day now fixed for the election of the Speaker is the 16th day of the second period of 21 days that President Chaim Herzog granted Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres. By September 11, the shape of the next coalition should be clear.

The Alignment-Knesset faction was expected last night to nominate Shlomo Hillel as Speaker.



Hapoel Tel Aviv's Lavonne Mercer and Charlie Pittman of the Phoenix Suns reach for the rim in last night's exhibition basketball game in Tel Aviv, while Hapoel's Mike Largie looks on along with 2.13-metre James Edwards (right) of Phoenix. The Suns proved too hot for Tel Aviv, winning 111-91 after leading 53-41 at halftime. In a second game, Maccabi Tel Aviv overpowered the New Jersey Nets 104-97 before 8,000 wildly cheering fans. New signings Kevin McGee and Lee Johnson led the local team in overcoming a 55-51 halftime deficit. (Hanoach Guttmann)

Teachers wish to meet
with Orgad on bonus

By LEA LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The teachers yesterday requested a meeting with Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to discuss the dispute over the party bonus, which threatens to delay the opening of the new school year scheduled to begin on Sunday.

Shoshana Bayer, chairman of the Secondary School Teachers' Association, said she expects Education Minister Zevulun Hammer to support the teachers' demand for the

bonus after the ministry's legal adviser affirmed the teachers' right to the bonus.

It has been reported that Hammer will request a special meeting of the cabinet before next Sunday if the dispute is not resolved soon.

Meanwhile, Finance Ministry Director-General Nissim Baruch, speaking on Kol Yisrael yesterday afternoon, said that if the government gives in to the teachers there will be a long line of "disadvantaged" (Continued on Back Page)

Cohen-Orgad on economic recovery:
Lower standard of living
and budget cuts necessary

By AVITAM KIN
Post Economic Reporter

Without a massive cut in the government budget there will be no real solution to the country's economic problems, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad and Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Mandelbaum yesterday told the Knesset Finance Committee.

Cohen-Orgad again stressed his determination to lower living standards.

"Anyone who thinks that our problems can be solved without reducing welfare and education spending is simply fooling himself," the minister said.

The finance minister was emphatic when he called the current economic situation "the most serious in recent years."

Cohen-Orgad also said that without massive budget cuts, Israel's foreign currency reserves will continue to drop.

He told a TV reporter later that "further economic measures will be taken soon," but declined to elaborate.

The committee was meeting to continue its debate on last month's bookkeeping efforts by the treasury and the Bank of Israel to cover \$325 million of the \$670m. drop in foreign currency reserve last month.

According to Mandelbaum, he had planned to inform the committee about the maneuver at the beginning of August. He explained that this is usually done through a special subcommittee, and that this body had not been formed in the interim period between the 10th and 11th Knessets.

Mandelbaum added that he had informed the heads of all political factions about the serious condition of the economy, and stressed that a major cut in government spending and money printing is necessary.

"Money printing immediately translates into a worsening of the balance of payments situation," he added.

Cohen-Orgad told the committee that the balance-of-payments deficit should be cut by \$1 billion. He asserted that if not for the election campaign, he would have reached this target this year.

Labour sources say:

'Aguda on verge of
joining narrow gov't'Pressure in
NRP to
follow suit

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two religious factions, Agudat Yisrael and the National Religious Party, appeared to be parting ways yesterday with the other two religious factions, Shas and Morasha, and holding frank conversations with the Alignment over the prospect of entering a narrow coalition. While Aguda leaders held their third meeting with Alignment figures within 48 hours, the simmering unrest within the National Religious Party over its ministers' unswerving attachment to the Likud became more noticeable. NRP organization machine head Rafael Ben-Natan met quietly with Alignment figures, and in private conversations with party colleagues vocally challenged the pro-Likud orientation symbolized by Interior Minister Yosef Burg.

A central NRP figure told *The Jerusalem Post* last night: "We stay committed to the idea of national unity, unless we see that the Likud or people in the Likud are sabotaging the negotiations with the Alignment. In such an eventuality, we would want to find out why. And only after, if we cannot remedy the situation, would we consider a narrow coalition with the Alignment. That stage might occur in a few days," he added.

The Alignment meanwhile maintained its two-pronged policy of intensifying contacts with the Aguda and the NRP to get a more favourable national unity deal from the Likud, and simultaneously publicizing progress made in talks with the Likud, to stamper additional partners into a narrow coalition.

Aguda MK Avraham Shapira admitted yesterday that his party could do more to advance religious demands in a narrow coalition than (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Prime Minister-designate Shimon Peres met late last night with Agudat Yisrael leaders in an attempt to finalize a coalition agreement, senior Labour Party sources said.

The sources described the meeting as "possibly decisive." Negotiations between the Alignment and the Aguda have passed the exploratory stage, the sources said. The sources predicted that the Aguda would announce its intention to support an Alignment-led narrow government today or tomorrow.

The price paid by the Alignment for the Aguda's support would be a free vote on the Halachic-conversion amendment to the Law of Return and "other concessions," the sources said.

The Aguda leaders are reportedly "petrified" of a national unity government, believing that it will mean a virtual end to their influence and state funding. After observing the log-jam for the past three weeks they had become convinced that their position of standing pat was working in favour of a unity government, the sources said.

The Aguda will evidently demand a proviso that its support of the Alignment becomes effective only if the other religious parties follow suit.

The Jerusalem Post has learned that the Aguda leaders received the go-ahead for their rapprochement with the Alignment from the Council of Torah Sages, though it is probable that any agreement will have to be referred to the council for final approval.

Last night's meeting followed two days of intensive talks, during which Peres met with MK Avraham Shapira and former MK Shlomo Lorincz. The Alignment also held contacts with the National Religious Party and Shas.

The Labour Party sources were confident last night that a breakthrough was imminent with the religious parties. "The religious front is clearly in ferment," one said. It is

understood that the Alignment option has wide support in the NRP as well, and has led to a "mini-revolt" within that party against the hegemony of Interior Minister Yosef Burg and Education Minister Zevulun Hammer.

The Labour sources were doubtful whether the reported agreements between Tami and the Likud, as announced by Israel Television last night, would come to fruition. "I don't believe that there is such an agreement at all," one source said.

Peres yesterday met with Yahad leader Ezer Weizman and with his colleagues in the Labour Party's negotiating "Big Four" - Yitzhak Navon, Yitzhak Rabin and Haim Bar Lev. Last night, the Alignment Knesset faction met to discuss procedural matters connected with the proposed Knesset session next week.

Justice Minister Moshe Nissim and Alignment Knesset faction chairman Shahal reported progress after their meeting to draw up foreign-policy guidelines for a national unity government. Most formulas had been agreed on, they said, though the question of new settlements remained the sticking point. The Alignment believes that settlement should be decided on by a "special" majority of cabinet ministers, while the Likud is demanding a simple majority.

Nissim said after the meeting that he and Shahal had agreed on the key questions of the peace process with Jordan, Lebanon, and Israel's foreign relations.

Mohammed Naguib, 82
Egypt's first president

CAIRO (Reuters). - Mohammed Naguib, who became Egypt's first president after the 1952 revolution which overthrew King Farouk, died yesterday aged 82, Cairo television announced.

The former army general was chosen by Gamal Abdel-Nasser and his group of "free officers" to head the revolutionary command council which ousted the monarchy.

Sarid: Dissolve Alignment

Tension high for Mapam meeting today

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Mapam insiders do not expect the party's central committee to decide on the fate of the Alignment during the committee meeting today. Nevertheless, tension is high in the Alignment, with forces wishing to split the Alignment gaining strength in both Mapam and the Labour Party.

Labour left-winger Knesset Member Yosef Sarid said last night that the time had come to dissolve the Alignment. Interviewed on Israel Television, Sarid said that the Alignment had become a centrist bloc, and that all its factions had made too many compromises. The time has come for the Alignment's left and right wings to go their separate ways, Sarid said.

Labour Party sources last night dismissed Sarid's call, describing it as the wrong initiative at the wrong time. Such an ideological division has no support in the party, they said.

Today's meeting of the Mapam central committee is being described inside the party as "routine," Knesset

set faction chairman Elazar Granot said that it would not be the "deciding meeting." That will come only when a national unity government is about to be formed.

Granot predicted that the meeting would be a general discussion of the coalition negotiations, rather than an attempt to arrive at a decision on what stand Mapam should take.

However, other party sources did not entirely discount the possibility of a proposal to split the Alignment being brought to the vote, though they thought it unlikely.

Likud courts Abuhatzzeira to stymie Labour

By MICHAL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The Likud yesterday appeared to be mobilizing the one-man Tami Knesset faction to block the Alignment from forming a narrow coalition. According to Likud sources, Tami and the Likud yesterday achieved an understanding in principle on cooperation similar to the one signed last week by the Alignment and Yahad.

But Tami's sole Knesset member, Aharon Abuhatzzeira, denied having already agreed to form a bloc with the Likud. He said he would consider such an offer if it was made.

Likud sources said that the agreement, whose signing was being held up over "technical" details, gives Tami three "real" places in the Likud Knesset list, the option to join the Likud as a faction, and a ministerial portfolio to Abuhatzzeira even in a national unity government.

The sources said the offer to Tami was made by Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, but that disagreements were still to be ironed out.

Abuhatzzeira said he was in contact with Likud leaders, but that there had been no meetings yesterday and no agreements had been reached. He noted that he did not rule out

such an offer, either by the Alignment or the Likud.

Abuhatzzeira is due to meet Alignment Chairman Shimon Peres today. Asked when he would give the Likud an answer as to whom he would support, Abuhatzzeira replied that he had not had any offers which required an answer.

Alignment sources said that Abuhatzzeira had offered both the Likud and the Alignment his support in exchange for a minister's portfolio and three realistic places on the Knesset list. The Alignment would not agree to all these demands, the sources said.

Israel 'westernized' Soviet-built tanks

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. - Israel has developed far-reaching improvements for the Soviet-made T-54 and T-55 tanks it has captured in its wars.

One of the "westernized" tanks was shown to defence reporters yesterday during a visit to an Ordnance Corps testing unit south of here.

The hull and turret have been retained, and the tanks still have their original low silhouettes. But their 100 millimetre cannon have been replaced with a 105mm gun, enabling them to use locally-produced shells.

The original tank treads have also been kept on, as they are among the best in the world and have a low attrition rate. According to OC Ordnance Corps T-At-Aluf Tuvia Margalit.

The upgraded tanks have been equipped with a locally produced

fire-control system, described yesterday as one of the best in the world, and with a laser rangefinder that informs the gunner of the exact distance to the target.

In the past, tank commanders had to estimate the distance to their targets. According to Margalit, they often erred so that it took up to three and four shells before a direct hit could be scored.

Missing the target increases the danger that the attacking tank's position will be exposed. The new device thus increases the tank's survivability, enabling direct hits with the first shot.

Another device provides weather data, as atmospheric conditions can affect a shell's trajectory.

A thermal sleeve on the tank's gun ensures a uniform temperature along the entire length of the barrel. Without the sleeve, the section of the barrel exposed to the sun would be much warmer, bringing on possi-

ble warping, which could affect a shell's accuracy, Margalit said.

The improved tanks also have a new turret-control system, which keeps the gun zeroed in on the target, even while the vehicle is moving over rough terrain.

Other improvements include a General Motors engine adapted to the tank's chassis.

At a news conference marking Ordnance Corps Day, Margalit indicated that the Soviet-built tanks are nevertheless inferior to those from the West. In all encounters with Israel's Merkava tanks, for example, even the best Russian-made tank, the T-72, lost, he said.

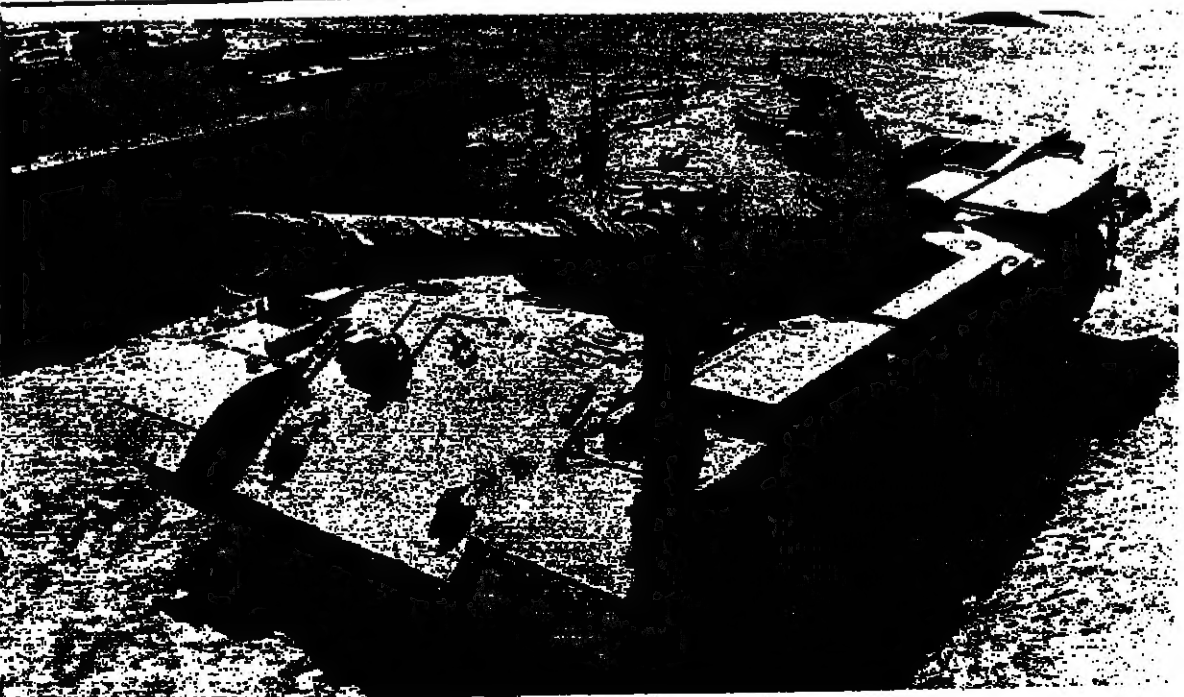
Israel has meanwhile ceased production of the Merkava Mark I and is now building only the Mark II version, which has a better engine, an improved fire-control system, and better defences for its occupants. Planners, headed by former OC

Armoured Corps O/C Yisrael Tal, are already working on a Mark III version, Margalit said.

The display prepared for reporters also included a turretless Centurion tank outfitted to carry six soldiers and replace the M-113 armoured troop carrier in high-risk areas of Lebanon. This invention called, in Hebrew, Nagmashot, has already saved IDF lives.

Margalit said there have been two incidents in which the Nagmashots hit mines and the occupants were not hurt. He indicated he believed the result would have been different had they travelled in a regular armoured troop carrier.

Margalit indicated the Nagmashot's cost was reasonable. The IDF has enough Centurion hulls, and later it could reinstall the turrets and make these "nagmashim" tanks again.



An improved T-54/55 tank upgraded under the newly unveiled Israeli system. To the left is the Nagmashot armoured personnel carrier, built on the chassis of a Centurion tank. (Herzi Kunsari)

The weather at major Swissair destinations

	MIN.	MAX.	WIND	CL.
AMSTERDAM	16	22	12	Cloudy
BIRMINGHAM	16	22	12	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	16	22	12	Cloudy
CHICAGO	16	22	12	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	16	22	12	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	16	22	12	Cloudy
GENOVA	16	22	12	Cloudy
HAMBURG	16	22	12	Cloudy
HONG KONG	27	33	12	Cloudy
JERUSALEM	27	33	12	Cloudy
LONDON	16	22	12	Cloudy
MADRID	16	22	12	Cloudy
MONTREAL	16	22	12	Cloudy
NEW YORK	16	22	12	Cloudy
OSLO	16	22	12	Cloudy
PARIS	16	22	12	Cloudy
ROME	16	22	12	Cloudy
SAO PAULO	27	33	12	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	16	22	12	Cloudy
TOKYO	27	33	12	Cloudy
ZURICH	16	22	12	Cloudy

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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Temp.	Temp.	Temp.
Jerusalem	45	16-25	25
Golan	39	16-28	27
Nahariya	43	16-26	25
Safed	43	16-26	25
Haifa Port	43	16-26	25
Tiberias	36	21-34	34
Nazareth	40	19-28	27
Afula	40	19-30	30
Shomron	46	19-28	27
Tel Aviv	57	22-29	28
B-G Airport	52	21-29	29
Jericho	44	22-35	35
Caes	48	22-38	38
Beerseba	42	18-31	30
Eilat	28	25-36	36

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

Dr. Israel Kaye, former minister of labour and social affairs, will speak on "Where is Israeli Society Going?" at the weekly meeting of Jerusalem Rotary Club at 1 p.m. at the YMCA today.

Rotary International District Governor, Izzy Loonstein, will be the guest of the Haifa Rotary Club's weekly meeting in the Nof Hotel at 1 p.m. today.

Memorial ceremony for Engineering Corps dead

HULDA (Itim). - The annual memorial ceremony for soldiers who have fallen in battle in the Engineering Corps was held in the Hulda Forest yesterday, in the presence of Defence Minister Moshe Arens and the bereaved families. The ceremony is held each year on the eve of Engineering Corps Day.

New IDF system for marking casualties

The Israel Defence Forces Medical Corps has instituted a new system of marking wounded soldiers meant to save time in determining priorities when multiple casualties are being transferred or treated, according to a report in the IDF weekly *Bamahaneh*, published today. Previously, it was necessary to read details on a tag attached to the wounded soldiers, which took up much valuable time before treatment could be administered to the most critical. Under the new system, a bright red sticker will be attached in a prominent place to the clothing or bodies of those who need the most urgent attention.

Noah's Ark' explorers

NEW YORK (AP). - Bags of rocks and chunks of decayed wood that Biblical-archeology buffs hope are remnants of Noah's Ark have been brought to the U.S. for laboratory analysis, an expedition spokesman said Monday.

Earlier in the day, Turkey's minister of culture and tourism said in Ankara that American expeditioners would be forbidden to remove the samples from his country if there was a chance they might have historical value.

But the pronouncement by Minister Mukerrem Tascioglu came too late, said expedition member Ron Wyatt, who displayed a bag of rocks at a news conference at a hotel near Kennedy International Airport.

Wyatt said the samples, taken last week from the southwestern face of Mount Ararat in Turkey, would be analysed at Galbraith Laboratories in Knoxville, Tennessee, to determine their content and approximate age.

HOME AND WORLD NEWS

Agency official also blames economy

News of Jewish terror 'hurts' western aliya

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

News of the Jewish terror underground has had a negative impact on aliya from the West, especially on those who planned to settle in Judea and Samaria, Jewish Agency Aliya Department Chairman Haim Aharon said yesterday.

Aharon told reporters that reports about Jewish terrorism caused a "bad atmosphere" among potential olim.

He added, however, that the improved economy in the U.S. and the severe economic situation in Israel are also important factors in the decrease in western aliya.

During the first six months of this year, aliya from the U.S. decreased by 25 per cent compared to the same period in 1983. Aliya from Argentina fell by 30 per cent, from France by 35 per cent and from England by 35 per cent.

The swing from dictatorship to democracy in Argentina, said Aharon, was largely responsible for Jews' hoping they are safe in that troubled country. As a result, the aliya department has set up a special team to reach certain Jews in Argentina, including those in economic trouble, in order to encourage their aliya. A handful of Argentinian olim have even returned to their native country

after living for a while in Beersheba, he said.

Aharon also said that aliya from Brazil, which has 30,000 Jews, is "dead... There is no activity."

Aharon, who took office last April after several years as ambassador to Colombia, said he had established a new "unit to encourage aliya" that would take the place of other components of the department. Tour Ve'aleh, the World Zionist Organization body charged with encouraging tourists to come on pilot tours for aliya, is being phased out due to poor results.

Aharon will soon leave for the U.S. to meet with U.S. officials to discuss ways of helping Soviet Jews, whose emigration has slowed to a trickle. Aharon yesterday sent a number of telegrams to Jewish hunger strikers in the USSR to bolster their spirits in their struggle to come on aliya.

Noting that a large percentage of olim today are either single or religious, Aharon promised he would do all he could to ease their absorption problems. The Agency has asked the Treasury to increase the amounts granted in mortgage loans and rental subsidies for singles and families.

In addition, the secretary of the Council for Higher Education, Dov Keren-Ya'ar, will be sent

to the U.S. to establish contacts between American and Israeli universities and to develop programmes aimed at bringing thousands more Jewish college students to Israel. He also plans to put public-service announcements in the news media to encourage Israelis to appreciate the contribution of olim to society and their absorption difficulties.

Although potential olim with expertise in needed, high-technology fields will be sought, the Agency will not adopt a programme of "selective aliya" that excludes those with few chances of finding a job. But potential olim will be told the truth on the economic situation, Aharon said.

Aharon hopes to cut the number of aliya emissaries working full-time abroad (now 70), and increase the number of short-term emissaries, especially the former olim returning to their hometowns. An experimental programme bringing American Jews to Israel for seminars that will teach them to fill technical jobs of emissaries will be launched.

Asked about the ousting of his predecessor, Raphael Kotlowitz, by the Jewish Agency board of governors for "unsuitability," Aharon said Kotlowitz was treated "unfairly" and that he left behind "a good department."

Israel rejects U.S. press report on IDF

WASHINGTON (Reuters). - The Israel Embassy yesterday rejected an American newspaper report which questioned Israel's military performance in Lebanon and claimed 20 per cent of its casualties there had been self-inflicted.

Spokesman Victor Harel told Reuters an article in the *Washington Times* quoting unidentified U.S. officials on alleged Israeli military ineptitude was "completely unfounded."

He said the article, citing "classified battlefield reports," failed to mention Israel's military successes such as the downing of nearly 100 Soviet-built Syrian planes.

Harel added: "In every war you can expect some self-inflicted casualties. This is inevitable," he declined to discuss numbers.

A defence department official, who declined to be identified, confirmed there were secret U.S. reports on "Lessons learned in Lebanon," but refused to discuss their findings.

He said, however, that many accounts of Israeli military prowess in the past had been exaggerated.

"The Israelis are good, but they aren't the most shining military around (although) they outclass whatever is in that area (the Middle East)," he said.

Herodian's 1st concert features Bloch work

The musical composition the Malaysian government did not want played will be heard this afternoon at the first concert ever given at Herodian, near Bethlehem. The Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra not to play Ernst Bloch's *Schelomo* during its tour. As a result, the orchestra called off its tour of Malaysia.

Schelomo will be played by the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Noam Sherif. Also on the programme are the choruses of Hebrew slaves from Verdi's *Nabucco* and selections from oratorios on Jewish subjects.

Today's concert is under the patronage of Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer.

LIBI. - About IS1 million were donated recently to Libi, the Israel Defence Fund, from the proceeds of ticket sales at Bat Yam's "Ongoing Festival," a series of open-air concerts by volunteer performers on Saturday nights.

in a national unity government. Without actually saying he preferred the Alignment (the only party still capable of forming a narrow coalition), Shapira told reporters the Aguda would work with "whichever party is capable of forming a narrow coalition."

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, fearing that a shadow has already fallen on the traditional friendship between the Likud and the Aguda, met urgently last night with Shapira and his Aguda colleague Menahem Porush, to try to stop the rot.

One of the two top rabbis in the Aguda's Council of Torah Sages, Rabbi Eliezer Shach, met Porush yesterday and apparently gave him the green light for taking the talks with the Alignment to a practical stage. This was after unpublished meetings which Peres had with Porush on Monday night and with Aguda ex-MK Shlomo Lorincz the night before.



Models display the latest in Israeli fashions at the Mt. Scopus theatre last night as part of Fashion Week activities. Story on page 6. (Rahamim Israeli)

Protests, low turnout in S. Africa election

JOHANNESBURG (AP). - Policemen with batons and rubber truncheons charged several hundred placard-waving election boycotters yesterday morning when South Africa's Asians voted for the first time for their own segregated chamber of parliament, witnesses said.

The police said they arrested seven persons in the port city of Durban, which has a heavy Asian population, for urging voters to stay away from the polls.

Voting was slow across the nation. Boycotters hoped a low turnout would discredit the elections and the nation's new constitution that denies political rights to the black majority.

Witnesses said the police launched

their baton-charge in Lenasia, an Asian township 27 kilometres southwest of Johannesburg where boycotters had been demonstrating near a polling station. The witnesses said several persons were beaten. There were no immediate reports of arrests.

Witnesses in the university town of Potchefstroom 100 kilometres southwest of Johannesburg said policemen in riot gear dispersed stone-throwing black youngsters who converged on a polling station.

The real issue in the vote was to be the turnout. All sides said it would be low, maybe even below the 30 per cent of registered voters who participated last Wednesday when persons

of mixed racial ancestry, called "coloureds" by the government, elected their own parliamentary chamber. Even that 30 per cent was only 18 per cent of those eligible to register.

The ruling National Party has said that no matter how little support the constitution receives, in the Asian and coloured elections, South Africa will send its three-chambered parliament in September.

Prime Minister P.W. Botha calls the expanded parliament a major step toward racial reform, even though the majority 22 million blacks remain without the vote or the right to own land or move freely about.

China hopes to sell 'healthful cigarette'

TOKYO (Reuters). - Suffering from heart trouble or hypertension? Then try smoking Chinese cigarettes, guaranteed by Peking to be good for you.

A top Japanese food executive said yesterday that Chinese officials told him China's Public Health Ministry had proved that two new cigarette brands, Zhongnanhai and Changle, have "good effects on human health."

The cigarettes, made of specially processed tobacco pepped up with herb medicine, were developed under an official six-year programme.

Yuko Murofushi, president of the Japan Institute of Food Distribution Systems, quoted Chinese officials as saying they had favorable effects on 96 per cent of 600 patients in Peking's Chaoyang Hospital who tried them.

High-level officials also smoked some samples, he said, but the cigarettes are not yet on general sale.

A spokesman for the Japan Tobacco and Salt Public Corporation said its researchers analyzed the Zhongnanhai brand but have yet to determine if it has healing powers.

NRP

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Alignment negotiators reportedly told their Aguda counterparts that since it would be impossible to satisfy all the Orthodox parties in a national unity coalition, each of the four would have to make do with less. But in a narrow coalition, which would include one or at most two religious parties, the Alignment said, there would be more to go round.

One Orthodox MK said last night: "When the Aguda sits down for a festive Seder ceremony, it has to think of the Haggada and of the *kneidlach* as well. It wants ideological commitments from the Alignment and it wants material assurances for its proliferating institutions."

Alignment negotiators hope and believe that if the Aguda gets approval from the Council of Torah Sages for an alliance with the Alignment, the NRP will waste no time following suit.

NRP leader Yosef Burg has reportedly been promised an opportunity to become Knesset Speaker, if he should desire it, by the Alignment as well as the Likud. But Burg would certainly prefer the Interior and Religious Affairs Ministries, and that would not clash with the ambitions of Agudat Yisrael, which wants power without portfolios and grants without government titles.

Burg and his colleague, Education Minister Zevulun Hammer, have not yet told the Alignment what portfolios the NRP would seek in a narrow coalition. Since officially it still only entertains the prospect of a national unity coalition. But no NRP options would be closed unless Shas sought to enter a narrow Alignment-led coalition, which is extremely unlikely, and unless Morasha tried to enter one, which is virtually ruled out. The NRP would therefore not lose by playing a waiting game.

LEVY

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and there have been reports of other military-to-military contacts recently.

Wolf Blitzer adds from Washington:

The Pentagon is rolling out the red carpet for Levy during his two-week visit. He will wind up his tour in Washington during the second week of September. Extraordinary security precautions have been attached to Levy's visit, U.S. officials said. His exact itinerary, for example, is being kept top secret.

Levy is known to have been upset by the publication three weeks ago in the Israeli press of the timing of his tour. He privately expressed fear that anti-Israeli terrorists might try to assassinate him.

The Americans, as a result, have responded by intensifying the security surrounding his visit.

Strasberg-Cohen for Supreme Court post

Jerusalem Post Staff
Justice Minister Moshe Nissim, in consultation with the president of the Supreme Court, Justice Meir Shamgar, yesterday appointed Haim Strasberg-Cohen to be acting Supreme Court justice for six months. Strasberg-Cohen has been at her present post since 1978. (Itim)

Two Lod men held for possessing drugs

TEL AVIV (Itim). - Two men from Lod were remanded by the Tel Aviv District Court yesterday on charges of possessing heroin.

The police representative said Shimon Ben-Shoshan, 24, and Yisrael Haddad, 20, kept a gram of heroin in Ben-Shoshan's apartment earlier this year. Haddad said he had hidden the drug in the apartment without Ben-Shoshan's knowledge, but the judge, on the basis of circumstantial evidence provided by a police stake-out team, ruled that both men were equally suspect.

Accuses Lebanese premier of slander

Shamir ridicules charge Israel is stealing water

By DAVID MANDEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The charges that Israel is stealing land and water from southern Lebanon are "absolutely ridiculous," Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir said yesterday in Jerusalem.

Addressing the participants in an international conference of Jewish lawyers, Shamir hit back hard at the government of Lebanese Premier Rashid Karameh, which he accused of mounting an "unbridled campaign of slander" by hurling such allegations.

Reminding his listeners that Karameh also headed the Beirut government in 1969 when the PLO was first permitted to initiate activities from Lebanese territory, Shamir said Karameh "wants to repeat the same disaster once more in that unfortunate country." The government, he added, may sit in Beirut, but "in fact it takes its orders from Damascus."

On the question of water from southern Lebanon, the premier pointed out that the flow is in the other direction: Israel is supplying drinking water to several villages in the area.

Israel has every intention of withdrawing from Lebanon, he concluded, but he indicated that this can only occur through cooperation with a Lebanese government willing to reach mutual security arrangements.

The first half of Shamir's speech was devoted to the plight of Soviet Jewry. The authorities' conduct in this area, he said, disqualifies the USSR from "participation in the search for progress and accommodation in the Middle East."

Before and after lunch, conference participants heard lectures on good faith in international law. Today's discussions will concern the same subject as it relates to private and public-law issues.

Israel interested in new U.S. surface-air missiles

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. - Israel has expressed an interest in obtaining from the U.S. the new generation Patriot surface-to-air missile system, U.S. officials said yesterday.

So far, the Patriot, an advanced version of the improved Hawk anti-aircraft missile system, has been approved for sale only to America's Nato allies.

The German Federal Republic and the Netherlands, for example, are concluding a deal with the U.S. to purchase the high-altitude system.

The Patriot, U.S. officials said, has many sophisticated features unavailable on the Hawks. Specifically, the new missile system can track many more incoming enemy aircraft for targeting and destruction.

U.S. officials suggested that Israel

probably could be expected to win authorization for the Patriot. But they noted that the price tag is very high - something that might cause some problems for Israel's beleaguered budget.

Meanwhile, the Reagan administration has approved an Egyptian request for Chapparral anti-aircraft missiles. The Chapparral is designed to knock out low-altitude enemy aircraft.

A report released this week by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee noted that Saudi Arabia is also interested in obtaining the Chapparral. But that request, U.S. officials said, is still on hold, probably until after the U.S. presidential elections in November.

The same is true for Saudi Arabia's requests for other advanced weapons systems, including Stinger and Sidewinder missiles.

TA general strike planned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. - The entire Tel Aviv area will be shut down by a general strike next Monday afternoon, if Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad does not reverse his refusal to raise tax brackets, Tel Aviv labour council secretary Shlomo Steinkalper said yesterday.

Such a strike would be a significant widening of the scheduled two-hour work-stoppage between 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. on Monday. Steinkalper said that workers would down their tools for "explanatory meetings" at 12 a.m. on Monday, after which they would travel to Jerusalem to demonstrate in front of the Knesset.

Monday's work stoppage is one in a series of scheduled labour actions

to protest against the failure to revise tax brackets, welfare points and children's grants. Tomorrow, workers in the north of the country (from Hadera to Kiryat Shmona) will hold meetings between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. and on Sunday those in the south (Rishon Lesion to Eilat) will meet.

The Histadrut's action committees met yesterday to put the final touches to its protest plans. Committee chairman Haim Haberfeld expressed the hope that Cohen-Orad would still "see the warning signals" and reverse his decision.

However, said Haberfeld, if the decision is not reversed, the committee would meet next Tuesday to decide on further steps. The ultimate step could be a general strike.

Zamir insists on reviewing criteria for hospital grants

By DAVID MANDEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir yesterday reminded the Health Ministry that criteria it is proposing for the distribution of money received through the Religious Affairs Ministry to private hospitals must still be approved by Zamir's office.

The memorandum followed reports in the press last week that the Knesset Finance Committee was going ahead with distribution of the funds - part of those allocated as part of the previous coalition agreement between the Likud and Agudat Yisrael for support of private institutions. The money goes through the Religious Affairs Ministry, but its officials have no control over the destinations.

Several months ago, the High

Court of Justice ruled, in response to a petition by the Habad Hassidim, who felt they were being discriminated against, that the money must be distributed according to clear, relevant and non-discriminatory criteria. This must also apply to that part of the money earmarked for hospitals, some IS90 million. Zamir informed all concerned several weeks ago.

Looking into last week's reports, the attorney-general found that the money was indeed transferred to the Health Ministry, but has not yet reached the institutions mentioned as prospective recipients - Bikur Holim in Jerusalem, Laniado in Netanya and a hospital under construction in Bnei Brak. He has now instructed the ministry not to proceed until the criteria have been approved by his office.

Tax official asks court to invalidate 'retirement'

TEL AVIV (Itim). - A senior income-tax official has filed suit in the Tel Aviv regional labour court asking for a declaratory judgement that he continue at his job as chief inspector for intelligence, despite official notice of his retirement from the civil service.

The Histadrut has joined the suit, filed by Yosef Shemesh, as party to the collective labour agreement that covers him. The state has not yet submitted its defence.

In his statement, Shemesh, at his post since 1971, writes that when an internal tender was published last year for "director of intelligence," he sensed that his authority was being encroached upon and wrote to the Civil Service Commissioner that he was "obliged to consider retirement." He suggested terms of compensation, but they were turned down, and when the tender was

cancelled, he continued at his job. Suddenly, eight months later, Shemesh says, he was summoned by the commissioner to discuss his retirement terms, and informed that notice had been submitted concerning his resignation. He now wants this notice declared invalid.

Local authorities eschew strike, sanctions

HOLON (Itim). - The Union of Local Authorities decided yesterday not to stage strikes or undertake sanctions now. The decision came after the Treasury promised to direct IS11 billion to the authorities in September.

The Treasury also said it agreed in principle to the monthly adjustment of budgets for salaries.

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HOME NEWS

Confrontation seen today 1,000 police to await Kahane at Umm el-Fahm

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Nearly 1,000 policemen and Border Police will await Knesset Member Meir Kahane and his supporters today outside the Nablus village of Umm el-Fahm. They will prevent Kahane's supporters—many of whom have said they plan to come armed—from entering the village, and are considering ways to prevent the MK from entering the village as well.

Police sources said that Nitzav Yehzekel Carthy, head of criminal investigations, will get up-to-the-minute reports on the situation outside the village. Since Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Arye Iyztan is ill, Carthy is the top officer in national headquarters. Northern District Commander Rahamim Haddad will command police on the scene.

Kahane yesterday held a news conference in Jerusalem outlining his plans for today's demonstration. At the same time, Interior Minister Yosef Burg was reporting to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on police strategy.

According to police sources, the police will be able to justify preventing Kahane from entering the village if the commander on the scene decides that the Kach leader's presence in the village would endanger life and limb.

Much will depend on the atmosphere at the barricades outside the village when Kahane and his supporters arrive and whether villagers go

out to meet him and anti-Kahane activists turn out in large numbers. According to a ministry statement, Kahane's purpose in visiting Umm el-Fahm is to "bring about ferment and unrest, and undermine the relationship of coexistence between Jews and Arabs in the state."

Burg told Shamir that the police have readied nearly 1,000 troops who will "act firmly to preserve law and order." He also telephoned the head of the Umm el-Fahm local council to ask him to call for restraint on the part of the villagers.

But the deputy chairman of the council last night told a radio interviewer that the council "has lost control" in the village, where tensions have been rising ever since Kahane's election to the Knesset. The village will be on strike today to protest against the Kahane visit.

MKS Yosef Sarid (Alignment-Labour) and Ran Cohen (Citizens Rights Movement) yesterday lobbied in the Knesset hoping to find other parliamentarians to go to the village today to "form a barrier between Kahane and the residents."

But according to some reports from the Knesset, the two MKs had little success, with even Mapam MKs saying: "there's no need to run after Kahane every time he does something."

The two MKs also called on Jews and Arabs who go to the village today to restrain themselves in the face of what they called Kahane's "poison."



Gila Ram. (Erdi)

Kindergarten teacher picked as deputy union head

TEL AVIV. — Gila Ram, a 57-year-old kindergarten teacher, has been elected deputy secretary-general of the Histadrut Teachers Union — the first time in the union's history that a woman has attained such a senior position.

"I'm very proud that someone from kindergarten did it," was her reaction to her election. "It proves what I have been saying for years, that kindergarten teachers are as capable as anyone else of performing all executive functions in the union."

Ram, a sabra, attended the Eshkol Kindergarten Teachers Training Institute in Jerusalem and has a B.A. in education and philosophy from the Hebrew University.

In addition to teaching in kindergarten, she has trained other kindergarten teachers and has served as chairman of the union's kindergarten teachers division and as head of the union's organization division.

Visiting German general sees IDF as model

By YA'ACOV FRIEDLER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A generation ago, the last thing anyone might have imagined was a German general coming to Israel to see how the Jewish army educates its soldiers.

Brigadier General Dietrich Genschel, who is in charge of leadership, personnel and education in the Defence Ministry in Bonn, spent six "very good and interesting days" with the Israel Defence Forces recently and was "overwhelmed by the welcome," he told *The Jerusalem Post*.

He was the guest of his IDF counterpart, Aluf Amos Yaron, OC Manpower Branch.

The youthful-looking 50-year-old general, who has served with the Bundeswehr for 28 years, believes in universal compulsory military service for Germany. Seventeen years ago, while still a captain on study leave at Freiburg University, he chose for his doctoral thesis the subject "The role of the new concept of citizen-soldiers in the planning of the Bundeswehr."

"I always considered the IDF as a prototype of such a people's army and was eager to see for myself how you do it," he said. When at last he found time to come here, he expressed his interest and received the invitation from Yaron.



Gen. Genschel

The IDF kept him busy. "I attended Golani Brigade maneuvers in the Negev and saw how your training works, from the big brass through the officers to the men."

"I visited the army's leadership school in Gilo, the pilot-training school in Hatzorim, the officers' school in Mitze Ramon and met the OC Women's Corps (Hen), Aluf-Mishne (Col.) Amira Dotan, be-

cause I am also interested in the integration of women in the armed services," Genschel said.

He also visited Yad Vashem, Beth Harefuth Museum, Masada and Ammunition Hill in Jerusalem.

"Now I can understand how the context of all these can provide your soldiers with motivation and an understanding why they have to serve their country for so many years."

The easy-going general, who was wearing jeans and gym shoes when I met him on the second part of his visit—five days of a private tour with Tat Aluf (res.) Eli Levy, a former attaché in Bonn—typifies the "new German" whom the late David Ben-Gurion hoped to see.

Obviously deeply moved by what Yad Vashem had shown him, he said: "We Germans have to carry the burden of our history. I know why you have Yad Vashem. I can't escape our crimes."

Though this was his first visit to Israel, his indirect association with the country dates back to his university days, when he was chairman of the German-Israeli Society on campus.

Now that he has seen Israel and its armed forces, he bubbles with enthusiasm over the tree planting, the kibbutzim and the "modesty of your army. The concentration on the

necessary essentials is something we can also learn from," he said. The role of a nation's history in the education, morale-building and motivation of soldiers is another.

In 1982, when Genschel was serving as a colonel in an armoured regiment stationed in Westphalia, he had his troops help in the reconstruction of the partially ruined synagogue in the city of Hagen.

The general explained that, at that time, he was seeking to launch a dialogue between the local peace movement and the army, since he feels cooperation is always better than confrontation.

One of his targets for cooperation was the local church. A theologian put him in contact with a local expert in historical reconstruction, who in turn asked for the army's help to save the old building from collapse.

"I agreed on condition that the peace groups match the number of my men, guessing that getting together on a practical job of work would be a very good start." He also considered the task as something owed to the memory of the Jews of Hagen.

"It was a very good way to tell my soldiers of our past, and my major and sergeant-major studied the painful past and lectured the troops on the Jewish community and what we were doing and why," he said.

Uzan says absorption assistance may be cut

By JUDY SIEGEL

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Absorption Minister Aharon Uzan last week sent a letter to Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orad, warning that aid to new olim will have to be reduced due to a nearly 50 per cent cut in the ministry's funding.

The *Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday from Absorption Ministry officials that the Ministry's real budget for the current fiscal year is only \$27.7 million, down from \$53.6m. the previous fiscal year. The budget was halved, they said, although aliya figures are expected to be the same this year as last, and some olim require more financial help than those from western countries.

According to ministry officials, the severe cut in funds is due to the

depreciation of the shekel and the late and incomplete compensation for inflation by the treasury.

Uzan, in his August 22 letter, said that if no solution is found, the ministry will not be able to carry out important absorption functions, and the promises of aliya emissaries abroad will not be kept.

Orad has not yet answered Uzan's letter. According to Absorption Ministry sources, a number of letters sent to the Finance Ministry as far back as last January have not been answered either.

Among the benefits and functions likely to be affected by the budget squeeze are initial subsistence money and unemployment benefits for new olim, as well as retraining courses.

The Treasury official in charge of the Absorption Ministry's budget was not available for comment.

Local bands rock in Ganei Yehoshua

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Thousands of youngsters were expected to fill the Wohl Amphitheatre in Ganei Yehoshua (Hayarkon park) last night, for the first of three consecutive rock-music marathons organized by Yedior Aharonov and the Tel Aviv municipality.

Eleven Israeli groups, some unknown, will play in the first half of each night's show, in a variety of styles.

The groups, from all over the country, are Spark, Aroussia, What-

ever Comes, Fuse, WX, Requiem, Oxygen, China, Medium, Red Lighter and Omen. In the second part of each night's concert, leading Israeli rock groups will appear.

Jean Conflict with Rami Fortis were to appear last night. Public Peace tonight and Siam tomorrow night. A British group, Shriekback, is also to appear on the final night.

Tickets, which people are advised to buy in advance, cost \$1,000 for each of the first two nights and \$52,500 for the final night, and are available at Tel Aviv's Dan Cinema and at the Wohl Amphitheatre before the show.

Justices to weigh insurance cartel case

The High Court of Justice yesterday said it will need time to reach a decision on a petition by the Israel Consumer Council against price-fixing and other cartel behaviour by the country's insurance companies.

The suit is also directed against the Restrictive Trade Practices Council, which by law is exclusively empowered to license cartel activity. But in the case of the insurance companies, the petitioner charges, this body gave the companies a *carte blanche* to set premiums and conditions, improperly delegating its supervisory authority to the insurance commissioner.

Not only did this compromise the public's rights as established in the

Restrictive Trade Practices Law, the petitioner argues, but the companies even exceeded the discretionary power given them, failing to win even the insurance commissioner's approval for the prices and policy conditions they set.

The petitioners therefore asked which by the permission given the insurance companies to act as a cartel be revoked.

Supreme Court President Justice Meir Shamgar, Relieving President Justice Miriam Ben-Porath, and Justice Shoshana Netanyahu heard the arguments of both sides and announced that they would give their judgement at an unspecified later date. (Itim)

TA 'matchmakers' charged with prostitution

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Six women were charged in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court yesterday with running a prostitution ring under the guise of a matchmaking service, and were released on \$120,000 bail each.

Some of the women, who range in age from 22 to 30, are married and have children, and the judge agreed to their request that their names not be released for publication.

The police said the suspects were all cooperating.

Policeman charged with beating deliveryman

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A police officer from the Yarkon station was charged yesterday in the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court with having attacked a newspaper distributor last November.

According to the charges, officer Hen Dagani allegedly threatened to hit Amnon Barkan, who was delivering newspapers on his bicycle in the early morning.

After Barkan went to the Yarkon

police station and filed a complaint, Dagani allegedly went looking for him and beat him repeatedly.

According to the charge sheet, after Barkan went back to the police to lodge another complaint against the officer, Dagani informed him that he was under arrest for attacking a policeman and fleeing from custody. Dagani then put him into a police vehicle, at which time he allegedly threatened Barkan again.

5 detained on suspicion of meat-for-drugs thefts

HAIFA (Itim). — Five men were detained on suspicion of stealing meat from a butcher shop and exchanging it for drugs.

The police representative told Haifa Magistrates Court Judge Hanoch Shiloni that Omar Mahmud

Yaguri, 25, and a minor from Kabul village near Acre, both employees in the butcher shop had systematically stolen large quantities of meat from the shop over the past few months and had "sold" it to Moshe Boganim, 33, and Assaf Iyvi, 44, both of Haifa, for dangerous drugs. The fifth suspect is Yussef Dib Hif, 30, from Arab al-Hilf.

The police representative also told the court that the gang was caught when the minor was picked up on Sunday with stolen meat in his bag. The five suspects all denied the police allegations.



The principal of the Ort Kennedy school in Jerusalem, Zevulun Seri, checks the schedule of classes in preparation for the new school year due to begin on Sunday. (Ronit Ne'eman)

Israel enters international lime market

By YITZHAK OKED

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Lime trees, planted in Israel for the first time several years ago, are bearing fruit, and the small green citrus fruit is available in local markets, and is also being exported.

The lime, which resembled the lemon, is more bitter and tart than that fruit. Because of the small quantities available, it is fetching a good price here.

Menashe Davidson, the chief agronomist of the Mehadrim Citrus company, told a news conference at the Hilton Hotel here yesterday that there are now about 250 dunams of lime in the country, of which about 30 are already yielding fruit. Next year, about 100 dunams are expected to bear fruit.

Davidson said that the lime does not even have a Hebrew name. It had a tough time getting adjusted to

the Israeli climate, he said, because it is originally a tropical fruit coming from India and Burma.

Today, the biggest lime growers are in India and Mexico. The Indian lime is a much bigger one and has pits. The Mexican, or West Indies, lime is much smaller and grows without seeds. The West Indies Lime is the type being grown in Israel.

According to Davidson, the lime is more expensive than the lemon, but gives over 10 per cent more juice, and because the local lime does not have pits it is easier to use in the kitchen and in the bar.

Davidson said it was still too early to tell how successful Israeli limes would be abroad. He cited the stiff competition from Mexico and the West Indies, which are competing with Israel for the European market, and the high shipping costs.

He said that the lime, unlike the

other citrus fruits Israel exports, is airfreighted to Europe.

"The fruit reaches European markets between 24 and 48 hours after being picked," Davidson said. "There is a need to do so because, unlike other citrus fruit, the lime is not treated and waxed against rot disease." This is because it is used heavily in the making of cocktails, and for this reason its peel is left natural.

The Hilton is holding what it calls its "Lime Time Festival." This event will continue for at least another week (the peak lime season is during July, August and September).

The Hilton chefs have prepared a list of treats and drinks made with limes, including lime chiffon pie, a tequila lime cocktail, sautéed goose liver sprinkled with lime, and crisp roast duckling with lime and honey sauce.

Ginosar to harvest its first red bananas

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TIBERIAS. — The first crop of red bananas is about to be harvested at Kibbutz Ginosar near here. Agrexco has started an advertising campaign for the bananas in Europe.

Kibbutz member Amnon Ronen saw the red bananas on a visit to the Indian tribes of Ecuador and brought back several plants, which were planted last year on 10 dunams in the kibbutz's green banana plantation.

Thirty tons of the red variety, said to be tastier than the green, are to be harvested.

Married Bat Yam man held as rape suspect

TEL AVIV (Itim). — A man was ordered detained for four days yesterday after a girl of 16 complained to police that he had raped her 2 1/2 years ago.

She told the police that the man, who was married, had raped her in his flat in Bat Yam. She said she had been afraid to tell her parents, but the matter became known to her brother, who had her go to the police.

The police representative told Tel Aviv Magistrates Court Judge David Steinmetz that the man was known to the police and asked that he be detained for seven days, to allow them to complete their investigation.

However, the suspect denied the allegations. He said the girl had made up the whole story after her brother had forced her to explain why she was no longer a virgin.

Amnesiac woman missing from Haifa

HAIFA. — The police yesterday launched a search on Mt. Carmel for 70-year-old Sabina Mirovsky, missing since Monday noon when she received ambulatory treatment at the Fleishman Hospital. The woman suffers from amnesia.

Mirovsky, who lives in Sderot Moriah, is 1.35 metres tall, stout, with brown eyes and grey hair. She speaks Hebrew, Polish and German. Investigators ask those who may know the woman's whereabouts to contact them.

15-month sentence for Carmiel park extortion

HAIFA (Itim). — A Carmiel youth was sentenced to 15 months in prison yesterday for threatening vendors in a Carmiel park last Independence Eve to overturn their wares if they did not pay \$1,000 for his services.

He is Shai Adika, 21, who, the District Court judge said in passing sentence, has served jail sentences for other offenses, and apparently has not learned his lesson.

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Needed money to buy Goering uniform

German dealer admits faking Hitler diaries

HAMBURG (Reuters). — A West German dealer in Nazi memorabilia testified yesterday he began forging a set of Hitler's diaries in quantity because he desperately wanted to buy a uniform of Nazi air force chief Hermann Goering.

The dealer, Konrad Kujau, 46, is accused of fraud in connection with 60 forged diaries sold last year to Stern magazine for over 9 million marks (\$3.1m.).

Kujau said he was shown the uniform in 1981 by Stern journalist Gerd Heidemann, who also faces fraud

charges for his role in the hoax. "I had to have it," Kujau told the court. "I had all the other uniforms—Hitler's, Himmler's and Rommel's."

The trial resumed yesterday after a week's recess in which the court rejected a defence charge that the judges were prejudiced by pre-trial publicity.

Photographers had an added attraction in court yesterday when a man bearing a striking resemblance to Hitler, including a closely cropped moustache and hair scraped over his forehead— took a seat in the public

gallery. Kujau said yesterday he first became familiar with Hitler's works after he befriended a nephew of the dictator in an orphanage. The nephew, who was only named as Kurt, sold him a caseful of Hitler documents, watercolours and oil paintings for 20,000 marks (now \$7,000) in 1964, he said.

Heidemann, 52, is alleged to have received at least 1.7m. (\$600,000) for delivering the diaries to Stern. The remaining 6m. marks (\$2.1 million) paid by the magazine are still missing.

2 WWI survivors to share champagne toast

BRIDGEWATER, New Jersey (AP). — In 1925, 50 U.S. veterans of World War I bought a bottle of champagne and made a pact that it would be uncorked by the last survivor among them.

Now, the time has come for octogenarians John Field and Jay Vosseller to remove the magnum from its polished glass box and drink a toast to the memory of their friends.

The Last Men's Club of Somerset County bought the bottle of Cooks Imperial American Champagne for \$9. Since then, it has been stored in the sand-filled box and brought out every November at the club's annual get-together, to be admired but never opened.

But when 88-year-old former army infantryman William Wheeler died last week at a Bridgewater convalescent centre, the stage was set for Field and Vosseller to follow the club charter.

At their next meeting they will light 50 candles, call out the names of the dead men, extinguish the candles and drink the champagne to the mournful strains of Taps.

Originally, the bottle was to be opened by the last surviving club member. But in 1975 the charter was revised to mandate that the last two members share the

champagne.

"Wherever we are," member Thomas Pascale said in 1978, a year before he died, "the last two survivors should get together within a month or so and have one for the boys. We don't want to take the chance and wait for the following Veterans Day."

"Nobody likes to drink alone," Wheeler said at the club's last meeting in November 1983. Field, 89, said he asked the American Legion post in Somerville on Monday to help him find Vosseller, 88, who lives in Pennsylvania but does not have a listed telephone number.

Field said he lost his address book with Vosseller's phone number in it when most of his belongings were sold or moved following the death of his wife, Agnes, in December. He has since been staying with James and another son, John.

Field said he was called up in September 1918 and spent the last three months of World War I in the U.S. Coast Guard.

"I tried to enlist in the navy in 1917. They turned me down because I had a bad heart," he said with a little chuckle, noting that he is in good health.

Soviet helicopters attack own troops in air strike

NEW DELHI (AP). — Soviet helicopters mistakenly attacked their own troops on the outskirts of the Afghanistan capital of Kabul last week, inflicting high casualties, western diplomats reported yesterday.

There were differing reports on the casualties, with one of the sources saying as many as 200 soldiers had been killed in the errant bombing attack that occurred in Kori Sangi, on the city's western edge, a week ago Tuesday.

The other diplomatic source said a foreign observer had seen four truckloads of wounded Soviet soldiers being brought into Kabul from Kori Sangi.

The diplomatic sources, who spoke on grounds that they not be identified by name or nationality, also said the Soviet Embassy in Kabul was rocketed several times during the week by anti-Marxist guerrillas, and nine persons were reported killed in another rebel raid

on the Soviet-built House of Culture on Wednesday.

In renewed guerrilla activity, eight persons were killed in a restaurant on August 23 near a Soviet housing complex in Kabul, the sources reported.

The Soviets have tightened security in and around their embassy and there are "more armed soldiers present" in sensitive areas of the capital city.

"Very few Soviet civilians go out without pistols," one commented.

Between 12,000 and 14,000 Soviet troops are massed near the Pakistan border in an operation believed to involve almost 10 per cent of all Soviet forces in Afghanistan, western diplomats in Islamabad said yesterday.

The reports of the buildup could not be immediately verified, but resistance sources in the Pakistan frontier town of Peshawar said the troop movements may signal a major offensive to cut guerrilla supply lines.

U.S. rolls out plane of the '90s

CALVERTON, New York (Reuters). — An experimental aircraft with forward-swept wings that could be the forerunner of a new generation of fighters for the 1990s was unveiled Monday by Grumman Corporation and the U.S. Defence Department.

The X-29 aircraft, which will have its first test flight at Edwards Air Force Base, California, in November, will test features for a smaller, fuel-efficient fighter.

"It represents another step in the strengthening of America's defenses," said Vice-President George Bush at the roll-out ceremony.

The X-29's distinctive forward-swept wings are made of strong, lightweight graphite material using fibres 13 thousandths of a cm thick.

Advanced flight control computers on the plane will allow the pilot to adjust the edge of the wing and other control surfaces.

The computers will monitor the wing and other control surfaces 40 times per second and make maneuvering adjustments at the pilot's direction.

Only two X-29 aircraft will be built and the National Aeronautics and Space Administration will oversee testing.

Grumman, which won the contract for the experimental plane in 1981, has spent \$40 million on the project, and the Defence Department \$93m.



Part of sunken French freighter Mont-Louis is visible after it sank following a collision with a British ferry. (UPI telephoto)

Belgian divers probe radioactive cargo

OSTEND — Belgium said it had sent down navy divers yesterday to examine the Mont Louis and its cargo, but reported earlier that it had found no trace of contamination in the North Sea two days after the French freighter sank with 225 tons of radioactive material aboard.

Environment Minister Firmin Aerts said he would ask France to "act as swiftly as possible" to salvage the 5,000-ton ship, which sank Saturday after colliding 19 kilometres off the Belgian coast with a ferry carrying more than 1,000 people from Holland to Britain. No one was hurt.

The French government and the Mont Louis's owners, the Compagnie Generale Maritime de Paris, said the material aboard the sunken vessel was only slightly radioactive and was in 28 special steel containers built to withstand the pressure of being up to 200 metres below the sea for at least one year.

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Hijacked Iranian jet lands in Iraq

BAGHDAD (AP). — A hijacked Iranian jetliner with 206 persons aboard landed at a southern Iraqi airport yesterday. The two hijackers surrendered and were flown to Baghdad along with the passengers and crew in two Iraqi Airways planes.

The hijackers, a man and a woman who identified themselves only as Behrouz and Ferechte, told reporters at Baghdad airport they were "planning to request political asylum in Iraq because this is the only country where we can live freely."

Iraqi officials refused to disclose where the hijacked Iranian jet landed. However, an Iraqi stewardess said their plane had landed "at an airbase in southern Iraq."

The official Iranian news agency, monitored in Nicosia, said the plane had landed at Iraq's Shatrah military airbase 250 kilometres southeast of Baghdad.

The Iranian Agency quoted a spokesman of the Iranian Foreign Ministry as stating in Teheran that the jet was forced to fly to Shatrah by two Iraqi jets that intercepted it while it was over Kuwait air space.

An Israeli radio monitor listening to conversations from the cockpit of the hijacked aircraft said earlier that the passengers all had been freed but the crew refused to abandon the plane.

Michael Gurdus in Tel Aviv monitored the pilot's transmissions to the Teheran air control tower.

The 195 passengers aboard the plane left, along with one of the two hijackers, a young man, Gurdus quoted the pilot as telling the tower.

But the 11 crewmembers stayed on the plane with a female hijacker and said they had received an order from Teheran not to abandon the craft, Gurdus said.

Behrouz, the male hijacker, said he and his girlfriend, "commanded" the plane 10 minutes after it took off from Shiraz, a city in southern Iran, on an internal flight to Teheran.

The two hijackers said they did not belong to any political or paramilitary movement in Iran. They said they "did not use any weapons to hijack the plane."

"We only told the captain that we have explosives on the plane and we would set them off if he does not proceed to Iraq," Behrouz said.

A senior official of the Iraqi Information Ministry described as "ridiculous" Iranian charges that the hijacked air bus was intercepted by two Iraqi jet fighters over Kuwait and forced to land in Iraq.

(Iran, the official Iranian news agency, had reported earlier that the airbus was hijacked after taking off from Dubai, in the United Arab Emirates, on a flight to Teheran. It added that it was forced to fly to Kuwait where the local authorities refused to allow it to land for refuelling.)

Struck oil tanker anchors at Dubai port

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP). — A Panamanian tanker, hit by a rocket amidships Monday, docked at the port of Dubai in the United Arab Emirates yesterday afternoon for repairs, port sources reported.

The sources, who declined to be identified, said the ship anchored 28 hours after it was struck by a single rocket between the bow and the stern as it sailed in the Gulf waters.

Shipping sources in the Gulf had said an Iranian warplane almost certainly carried out the attack on the Panamanian-owned Cleo 1.

Note sparks speculation about missing Italian girl

ROME (AP). — A cryptic message has led to renewed hopes that Emanuela Orlandi, the Vatican messenger's teen-age daughter who dropped from sight more than a year ago, may be found alive.

Emanuela, then 15, disappeared after a music lesson in downtown Rome on June 22, 1983. Scores of mysterious messages claiming responsibility for her kidnapping came immediately after her disappearance.

Four demanded freedom for jailed papal attacker Mehmet Ali Agca and were signed by the Turkish Anti-Christian Liberation Front, the group that sent the latest message.

The police said the new message, received last Tuesday, has not shed much light on the case which gripped

the Italian news media and public for months and led to more than six appeals for the girl's release by Pope John Paul II.

"We're waiting," said Nicola Cavaliere, a police official who is following the case.

He said the police cannot say "whether she is alive or dead."

However, the message prompted new helicopter searches for the girl in the Monte Amiata area in central Italy, and the police to meet at least twice with Emanuela's parents in a renewed attempt to solve the mystery.

The new message, delivered to the Italian news agency ANSA in Milan, was the first received since last October.

Sports

Test drawn, Sri Lankans triumph

Posts Sports Staff, Agencies. LONDON. — The Test match between Sri Lanka and England ended almost inevitably in a draw yesterday, with the honours going to the visitors, making their debut in Test cricket in England.

In their second innings at Lords they compiled 294 for 7, their opening batsman Amal Silva making 102 not out, and skipper Duleep Mendis falling by only six runs to make his second century of the match. He certainly deserved what would have been an astonishing achievement, making two centuries in one match when captaining a team in its first Test in England. Even without that statistical glory, he has every reason to be proud of his own and his team's accomplishments.

From England's point of view, the only consolation during their wretched summer was Ian Botham's attainment—by taking six wickets for 90, he brought his total tally of Test wickets to 312, ahead of Freddie Trueman (301) and Lance Gibbs (309). Targets ahead of him are Bob Willis (325) and Dennis Lillee (353). Sidath Wettimuny got the Man of the Match Award for his 190 in Sri Lanka's first innings.

Gooden's goods

NEW YORK (AP). — Rookie sensation Dwight Gooden, the Major League strikeout leader, fanned 12 batters and scattered five hits, and Kelvin Chapman keyed two rallies, as the New York Mets beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-1 on Monday night.

Gooden boosted his Major League-leading total to 214 as he outdueled Fernando Valenzuela in a battle of the 1-2 strikeout pitchers in the National League. Valenzuela, 10-15, struck out seven to remain behind Gooden with 198.

Gooden, who now has 11 games with 10 or more strike-outs, allowed only one walk in beating the Dodgers for the third time in three decisions. The 19-year-old right-hander struck out the side in the eighth. It was the 11th time Gooden has struck out the side this season.

Chapman highlighted a four-run third inning by driving in two runs with a bases-loaded single and also had a double that led to the fourth run in the sixth, which he scored.

The victory was the fourth straight for Gooden, 13-8.

In other National League action, Ivan DeJesus' two-run double highlighted a four-run fourth inning, leading the Philadelphia Phillies to a 9-3 rout of the San Diego Padres.

Winner Jerry Koosman, 14-10, pitched seven innings and gave up six hits before relievers Bill Campbell and Tug McGraw finished up. The only run off Koosman came in the seventh on Alan Wiggins' RBI double.

The victory was the eighth in 11 games for the third-place Phillies, who trail the National League East-leading Chicago Cubs by 5.5 games.

Bob Brenly doubled home the go-ahead run with one out in the 11th inning and the San Francisco Giants went on to a 5-4 victory over the Montreal Expos.

In the American League, Cleveland's Bert Blyleven pitched a four-hitter and Joe Carter walloped two home runs to help the Indians snap a four-game losing streak with a 7-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers.

Pat Sheridan and Darryl Motley slugged doubles in a wild seventh inning that carried the Kansas City Royals to a 7-4 victory over the slidding Chicago White Sox. The defending American League West champions White Sox have lost five of their last six games and 13 of their last 17.

National League
San Francisco 5, Montreal 4, 11 innings; New York 5, Los Angeles 1; Philadelphia 9, San Diego 1.

American League
Cleveland 7, Milwaukee 1; Kansas City 1, Chicago 4; Toronto 5, Minnesota 2; Baltimore 7, California 6, 10 innings; New York 8, Oakland 7.

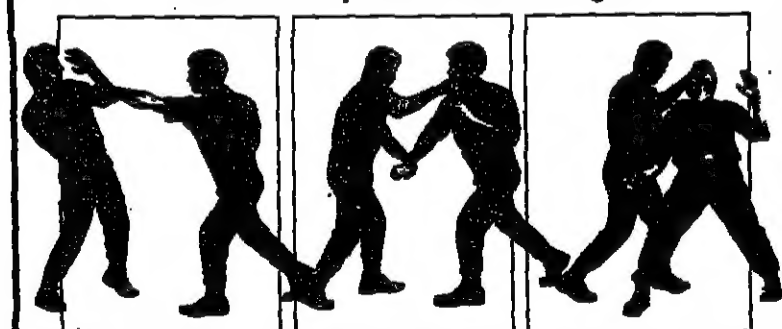
Soviets whip Cuba

MOSCOW (AP). — With a 123-90 pounding of Cuba, the Soviet basketball team emerged as heavy favourites to win Thursday's final of the last event in the Friendship '84 Games here.

Arvidas-Romas Sabonis scored 24 points for the Soviets in their last preliminary, against Cuba, as the host nation eliminated most doubts about whether they could be beaten by their Caribbean ally.

FIGHTING FIT

by Col. David Ben-Asher
translated by Miriam Schlesinger



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Disabled man mugged after long march

WASHINGTON (AP). — Thomas Tyrrell, a multiple-sclerosis victim who walked 966 kilometres to dramatize the need for more research into the crippling disease, was robbed and his crutch broken just a few steps from his goal — the U.S. Capitol.

"It was very defeating," said Tyrrell, 35, who has only about 20 per cent use of his right leg and 50 per cent use of his right arm.

Tyrrell, a psychotherapist whose affliction with the chronic nerve disease was diagnosed just eight months ago, said he had always told his patients: "If you believe in something, do it."

Six weeks ago he took his own advice and set out on foot for Washington to lobby for more federal money to fight the disease.

He left Detroit, Michigan on July 15 and arrived in Washington Saturday. Tyrrell said he walked 12 to 15 hours a day, often covering 40 to 48 kilometres a day with the aid of a crutch.

After his arrival in the nation's capital, he spent the weekend sightseeing, planning to go to the Capitol on Monday to begin making contacts among staff members.

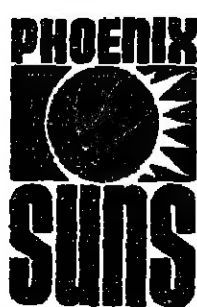
But on Sunday night he was robbed and beaten by two men he mistook for joggers while he stood on the Capitol lawn.

The men took the \$55 Tyrrell had and then one of the men broke his crutch.

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STORM OVER STATEMENT

The Post's Walter Ruby reports from New York on the controversy which followed a Jewish delegation's visit to Nicaragua.

A REAGAN administration official has sharply condemned a statement by a leftist Jewish delegation which absolved the Sandinista regime of conducting a policy of anti-Semitism in Nicaragua.

The delegation, which visited Nicaragua earlier this month, was drawn from members of the New Jewish Agenda (NJA), which describes itself as a "progressive Jewish organization concerned with human rights and Jewish peoplehood."

The Sandinista regime, said the delegation in their statement, "confirmed to us...that Nicaragua welcomes Jewish participation...in the reconstruction of a pluralist society."

But in an interview with *The Jerusalem Post*, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State for Human Rights Elliot Abrams, who had earlier accused the Sandinistas of being anti-Semitic

and Communist, charged that the delegation was serving as "Sandinista apologists."

He also criticized the delegation's call on the U.S. government to "desist from the escalation of violence (in Central America)" and to "seek out ways of creative dialogue" with the Sandinistas.

"It was not enough for them (the NJA) to say they did not find anti-Semitism," said Abrams. "They also go on to speak of Nicaragua's new pluralistic society."

"No one, except Sandinista apo-

logists, believes any longer that they are trying to build a pluralistic society. Restrictions on liberty continue to grow day by day."

THE NJA statement was also attacked by Rabbi Morton Rosenthal, director of the Latin American affairs department of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, who claimed that the Sandinistas had driven the entire Jewish community — about 50 people — into exile.

"I don't think the trip was constructive from a Jewish standpoint. I

thought it was harmful to Jewish interests," he said.

Noting that the statement had been featured recently in the pro-Sandinista newspaper *Nuevo Diario*, Rosenthal added: "Clearly, the Sandinistas will use this statement to support their claim that there is no policy of anti-Semitism, and that they have no responsibility for anti-Semitism."

Rosenthal also noted that the statement made no mention of a meeting held by NJA members with Nicaraguan Jewish emigres in Miami

before the delegation left for Nicaragua: "I think it is revealing that there is no reference to that meeting in Miami — a total lack of reference to the experience of fellow Jews."

"The statement is reflective of a definite political bias. I think the Jewish part of this trip was just a pretext for attacking the Reagan administration policy on Nicaragua."

COMMENTING ON the criticism, Rabbi Gerald Serotta, president of the NJA and leader of the delegation

to Nicaragua, said: "We plan to issue a report on our trip on September 4, in which we will discuss our meeting with the (Nicaraguan) Jews in Miami and our perceptions of developments in Nicaragua."

"Our statement did not say that there is presently pluralism in Nicaragua, but rather that we believe they will move in that direction."

"I think that our trip could only be helpful to the emigre Jews in Miami and to the few Jews remaining in Nicaragua by showing the Nicaraguan government that American Jews

care enough about the issue to come down there to investigate the allegations and express concern."

DESPITE THEIR ATTACKS on the NJA visit, both Rosenthal and Abrams declined to accuse the Sandinistas of following a deliberate policy of anti-Semitism in an effort to drive out Nicaragua's small Jewish community.

"I do not say that the Sandinistas had a conscious policy of anti-Semitism," said Rosenthal. "What I can say is that the Nicaraguan Jews had certain experiences at the hands of the Sandinistas which caused them to flee."

Said Abrams: "I am not saying there was a concerted campaign by the Sandinistas to drive out the Jews. I do believe, however, that the effect of Sandinista thinking and activity was to drive out the Jews."

A type of Yiddish

By GREER FAY CASHMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Hugh Denman...enormously pleased.

(Dan Landau)

had at least some of the under-

vowels. The absence of a proper typing facility frustrated not only Denman but also, apparently, Nobel laureate Isaac Bashevis Singer, who is reported to have said during the prize-giving ceremonies in Stockholm that what he really wanted was a good Yiddish typewriter.

Five years ago, at a Yiddish conference in Oxford, the subject of the typewriter was again raised for discussion, at which time Denman rashly said that it should be relatively simple to find a solution. Whereupon, his colleagues appointed him to do just that.

A product of the technological age, Denman presumed that after a few conversations with people in the know at IBM, the whole thing would sort itself out. And well it might, except that IBM wanted \$75,000 for its trouble, and Denman didn't have that kind of money to lay out for a prototype.

Then someone told him about Camvil in Honolulu, a company specializing in custom projects. They were willing to take on the assignment, but Denman had to design the letters and provide the company with large engineering-scale drawings.

DENMAN'S CONTACT in Honolulu was a Japanese to whom Yiddish was akin to gibberish. As a result, there were numerous phone calls between either Belfast or London (where Denman has his permanent home) and Honolulu.

Denman believes that it might have been cheaper to go to Honolulu than to pay for the cost of the phone calls. Camvil kept on sending him proof balls which were not exactly right, and for a long time it seemed that the ball was never going to get off the ground.

But a few months ago everything clicked into place, and now academics in the field of Yiddish will find it much easier and cheaper to get their manuscripts printed.

Denman points out that the cost of academic printing has become "prohibitively expensive" and academics, particularly those preparing poly-lingual material, will be pleased to be able to produce a compact, type-faced manuscript of camera-ready copy which will obviate the need for having papers professionally printed.

When Denman first started working on the golf ball, he contacted various Yiddish scholars throughout the world to consult with them on the features to be incorporated in the element. Had he gone along with all the suggestions, he would have had to design something in the nature of a rounded egg-timer. The maximum number of characters which the golf ball can accommodate is 88. If the Yiddishists had had their way, Denman would have had to find room for 150 characters.

Nonetheless, the ball has all the combinations necessary for standard Yiddish orthographies as well as historical orthographies, which can be typed at a single stroke.

The process is not quite as simple

for pointed Hebrew. All the vowel signs are separate characters and the typist has to overstrike to achieve the desired results.

TO FINANCE the project, Denman approached the League for Yiddish in New York which secured grants to the value of \$6,000 from the Mayer and Tzippe Fruchtbaum Foundation for Jewish Culture and the Jewish Zeilich Charitable Trust.

Denman overspent his budget by \$1,000, but even so, he is enormously pleased that the development cost of the golf ball was substantially lower than the price quoted by IBM.

The finished product retails at \$100 per golf ball. There's no need to purchase a typewriter with a Hebrew or bilingual keyboard. Adhesive letters are included with the golf ball package for instant keyboard conversion.

Denman notes the paradox that while Yiddish is declining as a spoken language, the academic study of Yiddish is increasing. Yiddish is also preserved in many ultra-Orthodox Ashkenazi circles.

Denman delights in walking through those quarters of Jerusalem or New York which are densely populated by religious Jews, because it is in areas such as these that small children, chattering to each other in Yiddish, provide living proof that Yiddish is far from being a dead language.

Yiddish is not a field of study exclusively dominated by Jews, says Denman. Indeed, there are quite a number of non-Jews like himself who are working in the field, particularly in Germany. Ironically, he notes, Germany was the first country to recognize the academic importance of Yiddish.

The first chair in Yiddish was established at Hamburg University in 1928. Yiddish as a field of study was just coming into its own when the Nazis came to power in 1933. Specialists were encouraging the study but had to abandon their enthusiasm for fear of violent Nazi reaction.

Interest was revived some years after the war, but the Yiddish revival with the greatest impact is taking place in America.

In Israel, too, there has been a resurgence in Yiddish research. Secular antipathy towards Yiddish in the early days of the state has melted. "Now that people no longer see Yiddish as a threat to Hebrew," says Denman, "they can be more generous."

Denman admits that if he had known that it would take him more than four years to get the golf ball to the production stage he wouldn't have embarked on the project in the first place. Now, he's waiting to test response to see which direction "dos Yiddische kapale" will take.

Meanwhile, he takes a modest view of what he thus far accomplished: "It was really done as a kind of *mitzva* to the field."

He is particularly pleased with one incident — a young man from Mus-rara asked him to guarantee his bond in order to become a building contractor. Carter did so and now, he says, the young man is well for another Mus-rara resident who was getting started.

BUT ISRAEL and Los Angeles are not Carter's only areas of interest: he has been awarded a citation by the Emperor of Japan for his services in helping to improve Japanese-American relations as head of the Los Angeles Japanese-American community.

Popular hosts and warm "people-lovers," the Carters celebrated Victor Carter's 75th birthday last week in their penthouse apartment atop the Moriah Hotel in Jerusalem.

It seemed that almost everyone was there including the mayor of Jerusalem and almost enough ministers to have called a cabinet meeting.

But there were also clerks and secretaries and people from Project Renewal who all had one thing in common, somewhere their lives had crossed the life of Carter and he had become a friend.

Two special guests of the Carters this week were Idell Faulkner-Quinn, who has been designing Carter offices and homes for 24 years, and their family maid, a black American woman who has been with them for 40 years.

A modern mobile sculpture, designed by Carter's friend, Jerusalem sculptor Michael Katz, was the conversation piece of the birthday gathering, and at a balcony lunch the medley of Hebrew and English reflected the two lives of Victor Carter who admits, "I can say 'I don't speak Hebrew' perfectly!"

A vote of confidence

By D'VORA BEN SHAUL / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Victor Carter... "Nothing must be spared to educate the right people."

Meirhoff Technical High School near the university.

In fact, Carter says that he cannot emphasize too strongly the need for more technical training in the younger age groups. Without a proper technical background from early youth, he says, it is impossible to create the technologists necessary to staff the plants of the future on which, he feels, Israel must base its hopes.

"Whatever happens," says Carter, "Whatever must be sacrificed due to economic problems, if technical training is not increased then it will be a mistake for which Israel will pay dearly. Nothing must be spared in order to educate the right people for the right kind of industry."

CARTER HAS an impressive record of service to Israel. In 1968 and 1972, he chaired the Israel Economic Conference and played a large role in getting American businessmen to invest some \$200m. in Israel.

But although he is known as both an investor and a philanthropist, Carter is happiest when he can help someone to help themselves. That is why he prefers investment to charity.

Carter feels the same way about his deep involvement with Project Renewal in Mus-rara: "We haven't always gotten a good press over the Mus-rara activities," says Carter, "but all in all the project is a success."

IT A TIME when almost everyone, including government officials, are showing signs of failing confidence in Israel's ability to pull itself out of its economic quagmire, increase its gross national product and compete with the world for industrial products, it was a refreshing change to speak with a man who is confident.

American industrialist Victor Carter, whose investments and donations in Israel run into the multi-million dollar category, told *The Jerusalem Post* last week that he had absolute faith in the future of Israel's conventional and high-technology industry.

Carter, who immigrated to the U.S. from Russia as a boy 63 years ago and made his multi-millions in the industrial world, is a man who has rarely backed a loser. And Israel, he says, is not a potential loser. That is why he is willing to invest here.

Carter, who is on the executive board of both Cial Industries and Israel Discount Bank's IDBM, spends several months each year in Israel with his wife, Andrea, whom he married 56 years ago, when she was 18 and he 19 years old. Their only daughter is a practicing psychologist in Los Angeles, where Carter spends the remaining months of the year and is active in many projects, including the directorship of the City of Hope Free Hospital. Having lost their only son from muscular dystrophy when he was 16 years old, the Carters are also active in the fight against this disease.

CARTER, chairman of the board of governors of Tel Aviv University from 1970 to 1976, says that the first thing he did when he took over (at the request of the late prime minister Golda Meir) was to build the Joseph

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Money Matters

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Yet another low in share volume

The most interesting event in a day of outstanding boredom yesterday was the new record low set by the volume in the share market: 375,000 was as much as the market could manage, although no major share was affected by a trading halt.

Beyond this, the statistics showed that the minor uptrend is still in place, with more shares rising than falling, and many more rising sharply than falling sharply. But, as of yet, one is forced by the paltry turnover to conclude that it doesn't mean anything.

In the bond market the volume fell to \$560 million and the sharp rises of Monday gave way to a more restrained pace yesterday. The total volume on the stock exchange was \$188.5m, or \$2.75m.

Announcements: Mishkan Mortgage Bank reported a swing from loss to profit in the first half of 1984 (see story page 6). Binyan Mortgage Bank, a Mishkan subsidiary, also reported profitability in the first half of this year, earning an adjusted \$4.7m, after a loss in the first half of 1983 of \$19.1m, and for the whole year of \$1.1m.

Alaska Sportlife lost \$257.9m, in

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By PINHAS LANDAU

the 1983/4 year (in March 1984 shekels).

The company was taken over earlier this year by the Ata subsidiary, Teta and its activities were brought into alignment with those of the new parent company. A wide-ranging recovery plan was put into operation, but the company notes that at the time of writing there had been no improvement in its financial position or in its results.

Haral Hamishmar Investments reported a loss of \$128.6m. In the year to March 31, 1984, compared to an equivalent profit of \$138.3m. in the previous year. The management's notes refer to the poor results achieved throughout the insurance sector in 1983, and the failure to achieve real profits through securities investment.

Tadris Beton (prepared element) announced the Redimix Industries (Israel) acquired a block of 24 million ISS shares of the company off-

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices

General Share Index	302.87	+0.77%
Non-bank Index	224.83	+0.06%
Arrangement	357.57	+0.78%
Bank Index Industrials	242.95	+0.88%
Bond Index	284.85	+0.69%

Turnovers

Shares	IS 281.9m
Bonds	IS 602.9m
Totals	IS 884.8m
Advances	179
Declines	123
Of which 5% +	47
Of which 5% -	29
"Buyers only"	10
"Sellers only"	2

Bond market trends

4% fully-linked:	Rises to 3%
3% fully-linked:	Rises to 1.5%
80% linked:	Rises to 1%
90% linked:	Rises to 0.5%
Double-option:	Rises to 3-4%
Dollar-linked:	Falls to 3%

Most Active Shares

Leumi	4890	1538.0m	n.c.
Bank Leumi	7160	1539.0m	+138
IDB	11465	1521.7m	+165

Sharpest Moves

Fruchterberger op.	75	+26	+52%
Yach op.	225	+55	+32.4%
Offis op.	90	+16	+21.6%
Aus op.	405	+46	+17.4%

the-floor on August 22, and a further

3.95 million on the following day, both deals at a price of 400. As a result, the share of Redimix in Tadris has increased to 21.61 per cent of the voting power and 39.8 per cent of the total equity.

Tadris also said that the other interested parties in the company had not sold their shares, and their holdings are as follows: Fruski group, 24.4 per cent voting, 17.3 per cent equity; Yehudai group 24.4 and 17.3 per cent, and Kremenmen group 22.4 and 14 per cent.

Yardenia Insurance Company notified the stock exchange of the details of the deal whereby control of the company was acquired by the HRD company of Holland, the parent of the Oshiot insurance company. HRD is itself a subsidiary of the American firm Frank B. Hall Inc. (74.9 per cent) and Ya'akov Danenberg (25.1 per cent).

HRD purchased 51 per cent of Yardenia from the Levant investment company, including the life insurance book of the Yardenia subsidiary, Halevanon, at a price to be set by an independent authority. Subsequently, Halevanon will be sold to a company owned by Herzl Levant, the previous owner of Yardenia.

Completion of the deal is dependent on the obligation of the purchasers to invest capital in the company. In the first stage, HRD will invest 32m, and further injections will be co-ordinated with the controller of insurance, in line with the need to close the deficit that last year's losses made in the company's equity.

The stock exchange requested HRD to consider making a tender to the minority shareholders in Yardenia.

Ata confirmed a newspaper report that it has signed export deals to the U.S. worth \$250,000. The company sees exports to the U.S. as a substitute to the Marks and Spencer orders which will elapse at the end of this year, and notes that the terms of these new orders are better than the Marks and Spencer orders.

Ata envisions total exports to the U.S. of \$2.5-3m. in 1985. The company also confirmed that 1984 exports are expected to reach \$9m., up from \$6.2m. last year.

Bank Leumi notified the Matityahu Lipschitz construction company that as of August 6 it has become an interested party in the firm, as a result of its holdings in its mutual funds.

Chai (Israel) corrected the price of its rights issue for the second time. The price is now set at 440.

LONDON BANK RATES

August 28, 1984		
	prev.	close
Bank base rate	10 1/4	10 1/4
Call money	12	12
91 day treasury	10 1/4	10 1/4
3-months interbank	11	10 3/4

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Commercial Banks

(not part of "arrangement")

OHF	3120	-	+120	+4.0
Maritime	1635	292	+207	+14.5
Maritime	425	329	+35	+8.0
N. American	1737	38	-17	-1.0
N. American	1230	30	-20	-1.6
First Int'l	2250	11	-35	-1.5
FIBI	274	10	n.c.	n.c.
Danco	70	552	+2	+2.9
Danco	189	5	+0	+0.0
First Int'l	405	60	n.c.	n.c.
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IDB	11465	189	+165	+1.5
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IDB	7200	-	-	-
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Hapolim	10651	-	-	-
Hapolim	7760	373	+138	+1.8
Hapolim	7770	83	+148	+1.9
Hapolim	29400	1	+1400	+1.4
General	19750	35	n.c.	n.c.
General	46200	1	n.c.	n.c.
General	19000	1	n.c.	n.c.
General	14785	-	+5	+5
General	962	4	n.c.	n.c.
General	4890	77	n.c.	n.c.
General	1705	2	n.c.	n.c.
General	1903	203	n.c.	n.c.
General	6770	-	-	-
General	3645	21	+170	+4.9

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Adanim	1115	10	n.c.	n.c.
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Adanim	157	3	-15	-10.2
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Mirror, mirror on the wall

WHEREVER the citizen focuses his gaze today upon Israeli life, he sees crisis. On the level of parliament and government the crisis lurches daily between soap opera and Greek tragedy. A step away there hangs a guillotine over the economy. Lurking nearby it seems are deepening discords over religious issues and darkening clouds over democracy. The list is long and familiar. It cannot be collected under one concept for diagnosis. But it does have one overriding consequence: national introversion or, perhaps more correctly, perverse national narcissism.

We have suffered from the malady before, but never to the same degree. In the years just before the Six Day War, when our neighbours appeared busy with themselves, when the economy appeared to stagnate together with the hope and idealism that had punctuated an earlier time, then too we focussed upon domestic infirmity.

And again, before the Yom Kippur War, when intoxicated with presumed invincibility against external threat, we made windows into mirrors, pursuing every presumed and real crack with the pathological intensity at which we excel.

In each case, when the world outside the mirror came crashing through, we were surprised. And in each case we vowed, collectively, not to be surprised, not to be captured by introversion, again. And in each case the lesson was forgotten.

Today, more profoundly than any time before, we are in such subjective enthrall. The private demons and desires of desperate or myopic men insensible to statecraft and statehood strut largely upon the stage, in religious and non-religious guise. And the passions of partisan interest and personal ambition eject from view all equations of our national power besides the arithmetic of our autism.

But there is a world out there impervious to our fantasies, emboldened by our solipsism.

That world is eclipsed by the shadow of our self involvement. And when it is invoked, it is invoked by the demonologists for political advantage.

That world has needs and calculations of its own. They form the reality that will test our own.

In the past, despite our lapses into introversion, we were always able to emerge with our sense of the real world, and the real perils intact. Those perils do not exist as phantoms from the past, they do not exist in or outside the halacha, they do not exist in Petah Tikva or Umm al Fahm, they do not exist in rotatza, the Treasury, charter flights, ancient graves or the black market.

They exist in Teheran, and Damascus and Jedda and Baghdad - and perhaps farther and nearer. But those who foment perils within, for that is all they can know and can see and can exploit for secular or mystic purpose are inert to the continued fragility of the state, and the sensibility that requires.

The true reason why a new government with new directions is needed, and quickly, is to jar the nation out of its introversion, to put the demons and demon makers back into the bottles, to awaken the nation from its autistic trance, and to get on with the task of living in and building for the real tests with the real world.

TEACHERS' BONUS

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workers," such as Electric Corporation and refinery employees, who will demand the parity bonus too.

He said the bonus was designed for a small and specific group of workers in various occupations, including some engineers, who for one reason or another have not gotten special salary increments which other groups received.

He said the teachers have already gotten their special increment through implementation of the Ezioni recommendations and if they now get the parity bonus they will be getting a 32 per cent overall wage increase instead of the 24 per cent all other public sector employees received under the national wage agreement.

In response, Bayer said the salary increases teachers will get under the

Ezioni recommendations will amount to 12 per cent over the next two years. If the teachers do not get the parity bonus, and the gap between them and the engineers (which the Ezioni recommendations were designed to close) widens, then the fight for Ezioni will have been for nothing, she said.

At a news conference yesterday, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek said education and strikes do not mix. He said he hoped the school year would start on schedule.

PARKING LOT. - The Ramat Gan Municipality plans to publish a public tender for bids to build a parking lot for 50 cars on the site of the former magistrates court building, which burned down about two months ago.

AIR FORCE RAID

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bombs of fighting both in the capital and in the northern port of Tripoli. The police said two persons were killed in overnight battles in mostly Moslem Beirut and six others died in Tripoli, 80 kilometres north of Beirut.

State- and privately owned radio stations in Lebanon said Syrian soldiers surrounded the site of yesterday's raid, on a farm only a few kilometres from where Israeli and Syrian soldiers have faced each other since Israel's 1982 invasion.

The Christian Voice of Lebanon station said the Israeli jets made two passes in the five-minute raid and struck targets each time.

Syrian-backed Prime Minister Rashid Karamah met yesterday evening with Druse militia leader Walid Jumblatt and Shi'ite Moslem chieftain Nabih Berri. Though both men are members of Karamah's cabinet, they have resisted government plans to deploy the Lebanese army in Druse-controlled mountains east of Beirut.

Karamah said beforehand he expected all cabinet members to attend a cabinet session scheduled for today. But Jumblatt, who has been demanding political reforms in exchange for deployment of the army in his area, said he was not sure he would attend.

With the leaders of warring factions in Karamah's "National Coalition" cabinet stalled for weeks in efforts to implement the mountain security plan, Beirut itself has seen increasing outbreaks of violence. The latest was a five-hour gun battle early yesterday, with the first clash between Sunni and Shi'ite Moslem militiamen in the nine-year civil war.

According to police sources, the battle started in West Beirut's Tarik Jidida neighbourhood when Shi'ite Moslem militiamen seized the Sunni owner of a gambling parlour and killed him.

A Sunni militiaman later told re-

ports that members of a small militia headed by the man's brother, spread out through the area, exchanging fire with fighters of the Shi'ite "Amal" militia until the Lebanese Army's 6th Brigade moved through the streets in armoured personnel carriers at dawn.

The police sources said a second person was killed and six others wounded in the fighting.

The Shi'ites are the largest single sect in Lebanon, but the mainstream Sunni form a majority in Beirut and have begun to show resentment at the influx of Shi'ites from Beirut's southern suburbs and south Lebanon.

In Tripoli, the overnight battles with automatic weapons and mortars involved rival Moslem militias, the pro-Syrian Arabian Knights and the fundamentalist Islamic Unification movement, which have been fighting a two-year war for dominance in the northern port city.

The police said six persons were killed and 12 wounded in yesterday's fighting, which they described as the gravest since a cease-fire was declared last Thursday.

That truce was intended to stop four days of battles last week that left 120 dead and 325 wounded, most of them civilians. Karamah also announced on Sunday a plan to bring a durable peace to the city, but he did not say when the plan would take effect.

Beirut radio stations reported that, as well as dealing with a deteriorating security situation in Beirut and Tripoli, Karamah and other Lebanese politicians spent the day trying to gain support for the complaint against the Israeli occupation of South Lebanon that the U.N. Security Council is to consider today.

Lebanon has maintained that Israel's practices in the southern third of the country constitute "inhuman repression," a charge the Israelis deny.

The challenge for Labour

By ASHER MANIV

THERE MIGHT very well be a Labour-Likud coalition after all, simply because all other options are even less acceptable. But the type of coalition has nothing to do with "national unity." Let us at least do without the pious cant, so fashionable these days, about "reconciliation," "eliminating rifts" and "bridging the gaps."

Differences of opinion, controversy and debate are not only legitimate in a democracy, they are absolutely essential. Indeed, the unending exhortations "to rise above party differences," "to prefer the national good," may have a very dangerous educational effect. For after all the *raison d'être* of political parties is the fact that each one of them has a different view about what is the "national good."

To the democratic mind, national unity is not synonymous with conformity. Controversy is the lifeblood of a free society; conflict is the midwife of all progress. It is, therefore, of the utmost importance that whatever the composition of the government the national debate must go on.

PARADOXICALLY, the chance for that to happen in our present parliamentary situation seems to be greater in a Labour-Likud coalition than in a narrow based Labour-led coalition. In the latter, always on the verge of toppling and probably at the mercy of religious nationalists, with Labour leaders always keeping an eye on the "floating vote" for the next elections, they will be cautious of any real controversy with the right.

At the same time, critics from the left will continually be called upon to take the government's precarious position into account, prove their

"loyalty" and refrain from doing anything which might return Likud to power.

A Labour-Likud coalition, on the other hand, will certainly not put an end to controversy. Not all controversial issues will warrant its breaking up. But both sides will feel themselves obliged to explain to the public where and how they differ from each other. And as far as Labour is concerned, its left will at least not be neutralized by internal restraints.

It seems strange that among all the many good reasons brought forward to convince Mapam to support a Labour-Likud coalition, this point of crucial importance to all the left has been practically overlooked. Yet in our present situation, we must look beyond the routine inter-party negotiations and the struggle for power. The real question is how to win an appropriate vantage-point from which to continue the national debate in the most effective way possible.

THERE IS, however, another side to this story. The Labour Party-Yahad accord - with its provisions "in case Mapam leaves the Alignment" and "in case the Liberals join Yahad" - makes one suspect that Shimon Peres and Ezer Weizman think in terms of changing Israel's political map altogether, turning Labour into some kind of centre alignment and pushing its own left, together with Mapam, into a separate left-wing party.

Such a move, Peres and some of his colleagues apparently believe, would regain "respectability" for the party and allow it greater political maneuverability. The fact is, of course, that there is no example of any large centre party in any par-

liamentary democracy (David Ben-Gurion would turn in his grave if he was cited as being in the "centre" - between the Revisionists and Labour).

But if Peres and his colleagues harbour such illusions, that possibility must be taken into account.

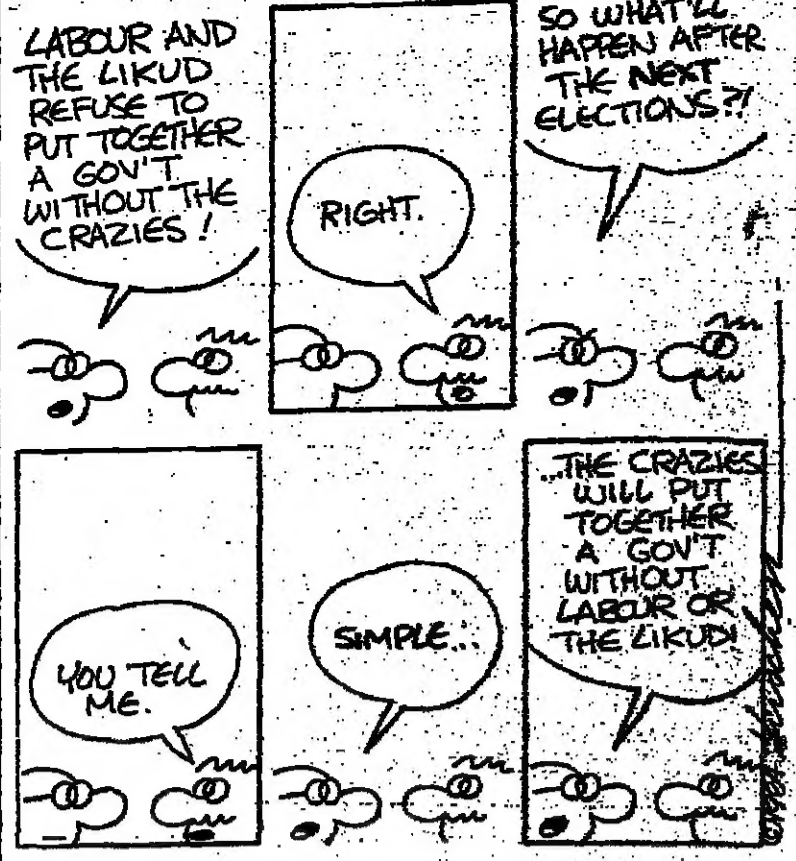
This writer radically opposed a similar proposal by Yossi Sarid two years ago for Labour "to march in two heads." It seemed then that this would inevitably push the Labour Party establishment into what in Europe is called a right-centre coalition. The present move seems to prove that our erstwhile fears were not unfounded.

But if, indeed, those are the intentions of some of the Labour Party leaders, then they should know that they face a break not only with Mapam and with Sarid but also with a large part of their own party. Even if they don't yet think in terms of splitting the Labour Party, if they are contemplating capitulation in any kind or form to the rightward trend in Israeli public opinion, then all those on Labour's left (and this is not an unimportant fringe group) will have no choice but to reappraise their position in such a set-up.

Many people on the left would perhaps consider a three-bloc party arrangement as rather convenient, even pleasant. It would provide them with a warmer "political home," but this is not what politics is about. More important, it would enable them to conduct the vital national debate in a more forthright fashion. But it would also entail the most serious political danger to all parts of Labour - of perpetuating right-wing rule for many years to come.

IT MUST BE ADDED that there is

Dry Bones



a very positive aspect to the Peres-Weizman accord, and not necessarily only on the coalition-negotiation front.

In the long run, the great national debate - or perhaps more accurately, the fight for the soul of the nation - cannot be won without some kind of ideological "gospel," a great ethos of ideas, firing the imagination and holding out new hope for the future. In the eyes of the public, Weizman has become the representative of the ethos of peace.

Unlike much of Israeli public opinion, he does not speak about the peace with Egypt as some kind of necessary evil. And in contrast to many Labour Party leaders, he is not ashamed to point to the achievement of peace with all our neighbours as the greatest challenge to Israeli policy at the present time.

In view of the ominous trends in the ruling values of our society, to have this voice speak loudly and

clearly may be of vital importance to all of us.

But Weizman's appeal is, alas, lacking in another aspect. The masses of the people, whose votes Labour tried in vain to recapture, voted Likud, and not necessarily because of hawkish philosophies. They are in need of a different, new ethos - a social one, based on the Zionist-socialist tradition but interpreted in a new spirit which answers the great problem of alienation in the modern world in general, and in Israeli society in particular.

Unless Labour puts its mind to that problem, there is no hope for a radical change of values in Israeli public opinion and all the quest for power will be in vain - even if Labour does indeed form the next government.

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READERS' LETTERS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - I refer to Charles Hoffman's recent article entitled "The world of Jewish study." While each of the statistical tid-bits is probably correct, the article repeats worn out clichés, misses the underlying issues, and offers, at best, palliatives.

To be sure, curricula and methods of instruction in our elementary schools are woefully lacking and urgently in need of rethinking; but the suggestion that "the key to increasing post-bar mitzva enrollment lies in making the schools more interesting on the primary level..." is nonsense. There is no evidence of any correlation between the pedagogical soundness of the elementary school and post-bar mitzva continuation.

If Jewish communities are serious about their concern for Jewish survival, they must make a commitment to enhancing the status and qualifications of the Jewish teacher. "Given the reality of most schools which have no more than 12 hours of employment per week available for their teachers, is it reasonable to expect that any community will be in a position to enhance the economic and professional status of their teachers?"

The situation is not as bleak as Mr. Hoffman would make it out to be.

I am not convinced that the aggregate level of Jewish knowledge of the American Jewish community is lower now than it has ever been before. To the extent that a major function of Jewish knowledge is to motivate communal commitment and activism, one could argue that we have achieved higher levels than ever before.

Allow me to place several propositions before you:

The prospects of American Jewish education will change when the value our communal leadership visibly places on Jewish knowledge changes. A declaration by the Council of Jewish Federations that 10 years hence, a degree in Judaica along with a professional degree, will be a prerequisite for employment in our communal apparatus will have a greater impact on quality and quantity in American Jewish education than all of our internal efforts at restructuring curriculum and enhancing work conditions.

Viable, professional full-time career opportunities can be created by combining the needs of several Jewish agencies within the community. Many of our professionals do, in fact, carry several part-time positions to support themselves. It is not reasonable to expect that one would regard this type of arrangement as a suitable career choice. An achievable solution is to create a cadre of full-time professionals employed by the community and assign them to suitable responsibilities at different agencies (which, in turn, would reimburse the community for services rendered to them).

JEWISH EDUCATION

If the boards of our federations and communal agencies would visibly devote a portion of their meetings to the study of Jewish texts, they would be creating an example of major importance to Jewish education. If a Jewish educator was honoured occasionally by our central agencies, the example would assume even greater meaning.

Can we achieve that metamorphosis? I do not know. But I do know that, if we are to make any progress, Israel will have to help.

By "selling" Jewish identity and Jewish fulfillment very cheaply, Israel is contributing to the perception that activism is more important than knowledge. Jewish learning is not very relevant if it is possible to achieve the prestige which Israel bestows without it.

One writes a cheque (generous but never sacrificial) or solicits others and becomes an honoured guest at the home of Israel's prime minister, members of the cabinet or the chief of the armed services. A framed photograph with the prime minister, personally autographed, is much more impressive, in our society, than a framed diploma from an institution of Jewish learning and it is easier to achieve.

I understand the realities of fundraising and encouraging political

support. I wish only that Israel would exact a much higher price for the honour which it bestows. Welcome our philanthropists and community leaders and pay tribute to them - but tell them they will serve the long-range needs of Israel and the Jewish people even better if they set personal examples of commitment to Jewish learning. Continue to give our philanthropists and community leaders the sense of identity and Jewish fulfillment which you now bestow upon them, but tell them that this identity is hollow unless they maintain and support institutions of Jewish learning for all ages in America.

Ben Gurion visited Hebrew College twice and the inspiration of his 20-minute address still glows in the hearts and minds of all who were present. His successors, whether they are prime ministers, members of the cabinet, or army generals, have no time to visit schools when they are in the community. Set the examples of priorities for American Jewry in word and in deed by acknowledging the centrality of Jewish learning for the vitality of the Jewish people in generations to come and you will have helped Jewish education much more than by the publication of the type of analysis that Mr. Hoffman offers us.

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THE ELDERLY AND TV

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - The radio programme for senior citizens recently discussed the possibility of preparing a TV series dealing with the question of senior citizens and how to make their lives more agreeable. I would suggest that, before tackling this problem in theory, TV should do something about it in practice.

Most elderly people cannot stay awake to see a film or drama that is shown late at night. Can't MABAT start at 8 p.m. and be followed by a good film, drama or other cultural event? Many stop-gaps could be omitted, and I am sure that sport fans would not mind viewing sport events at a later hour. Another alternative would be to have repeat programmes either in the afternoon or early evening.

Another problem for the elderly is the exorbitant licence fee. Why can't senior citizens (not only the welfare recipients among them) benefit from a reduction, as is granted by municipalities, Egged and many other services? There are constant rumours that owners of black-and-white sets may be exempted from paying the fee. That would be a good start.

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COMPUTER STUDIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Yitzhak Oked's gloomy forecast for Israel's technological future ("Start them young," August 23) may be somewhat brightened by corrective steps currently being taken in one of Israel's largest teacher training colleges.

Jerusalem's David Yellin Teachers College has for a year been operating a computer technology centre, where students and faculty have been learning computer languages suitable for school children and others for individual programming.

The college's graduating teachers will enter the Israel school system with an adequate knowledge of computer technology and the ability to pass it on to school children throughout the country.

The college's computer technology centre is this year being expanded to accommodate additional computers, more teaching hours and a larger teaching staff.

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THE CAUSES OF UNEMPLOYMENT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, - The public discussion on unemployment, present and future, would profit if we distinguished between two unrelated causes: unemployment as one of the effects of the government's economic policy (or what passes for it), and that due to the inexorable progress of technology. Much current unemployment here and elsewhere is structural, caused by the increasingly fast changes in manufacturing processes (computers and robots for instance); by innovations in products and materials; and by geographical and economic shifts of supply and demand on a global scale.

The mass-producing textile industries are shifting to the low income, cheap labour countries. Coal was displaced by oil as a source of energy and hundreds of thousands of miners lost their jobs and had to be retired or retrained. (Then the rising cost of oil revived the demand for coal and miners). The growing mechanization of agriculture has displaced farmers in many countries. Robots and computers are doing the same today in the manufacturing industry, building and services. There is hardly any major economic activity that is not affected.

The discussion on growing unemployment here is political and polemical, as if it were only a matter of correct government policy. It should be more realistic and forward-looking. What is needed is more imaginative anticipation of the future, more manpower planning and ceaseless vocational retraining of those already jobless and those still employed in jobs which technological and economic changes will soon eliminate.

SHALOM LAUFER
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ISRAEL'S TELEPHONES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - In response to the article, "Dear telephone" (August 21), I would just like to say to Professor Rosenberg, "Welcome to Israel." It is still a mystery to me how a country with such an advanced technology has a telephone system that would make the inventor Alexander Bell roll over.

ZE'EV BEN BEITCHMAN
Ma'agan Michael.

Sir, - Professor Rosenberg should not be too concerned, he is only one of many people not being served by the telephone company. I have been trying since the middle of February to have my phone repaired, but up to now, nothing has changed. As I am nearly 80 years old, life is rather difficult because, although I myself can use the telephone, many people do not succeed in contacting me.

So, don't give up yet, Professor. If you persist in your efforts, your grandchildren may (or may not) be able to enjoy the use of your phone.

NORA TAVOR
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